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STAR
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Woman shot to death

Man with gunshot wounds allegedly tells police that he killed her

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AUBURN — A man who was shot in Waterloo Friday directed police to the body of a woman he allegedly said he had killed in Auburn.

Melissa Patrick, 32, of Auburn died of apparent gunshot wounds, according to the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department.

Ronnie R. Jones, 39, was in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Friday evening receiving treatment for gunshot wounds before he was released to deputies and placed in their custody, according to DeKalb County Chief Deputy Sheriff Jay Oberholtzer. What charges he may face were not released Friday.

In a press release late Friday, the Indiana State Police said its Criminal Investigation Division had arrested Jones, of Fort Wayne, on a preliminary charge of murder. He has been booked into the DeKalb County Jail.

Deputies and Waterloo police officers were dispatched to a possible breaking and entering in progress involving firearms in the 3100 block of C.R. 427 at 12:10 p.m. When they arrived, Jones surrendered to Waterloo Deputy Marshal Gary Warfield.

Jones allegedly told police he had just come from the 2100 block of Lorain Drive, Auburn, where he had just shot and killed a female whom he wouldn't name. He also allegedly told officers he drove to the Waterloo location with the intent to kill his estranged wife, Sara Grimm, and her boyfriend, Jason Patrick. Ages were not released for Grimm or Jason Patrick.

Auburn Police Officers responded to the Lorain Drive address based on Jones' statements, and found Patrick, dead. The ISP said she was found on the living room floor.

Witnesses to the Waterloo incident said Jones arrived at Grimm's residence, parked and rang the doorbell. When no one answered, he fired several rounds from a semiautomatic handgun into the front door. Patrick returned fire from inside the residence with a 20-gauge shotgun, which witnesses said struck Patrick in the right leg.

After being struck, Jones got into his 2008 Jeep Patriot and drove it in a reckless manner toward the residence, witnesses said. Patrick fired another round from his shotgun at the vehicle just before it plowed through the front door and into the front foyer of the residence, where it stopped.

Grimm, Patrick and their six children fled the residence out the back door. Jones fled the scene to another address in the 3100 block of C.R. 427, where he was apprehended by police.

Jason Patrick received a minor laceration to his hand from the incident and refused medical treatment, deputies said. No other injuries were reported from the Waterloo incident.

Melissa Patrick is married to Jason Patrick, but they were in the process of getting a divorce, deputies said. Melissa Patrick was Jones' girlfriend at the time of her death.

Jason Patrick and Grimm each had protective orders issued against Jones, and he had protective orders issued against them, deputies said.

Also assisting at the scene were DeKalb County EMS, the Waterloo Fire Department and the DeKalb County Prosecutor's and Coroner's offices.

Violet Brunson

ELKHART — Violet June (Warstler) Brunson, 86, of Elkhart, Ind., died of congestive heart failure on Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009, at 9:52 p.m. at Elkhart General Hospital.

Mrs. Brunson

Violet was born on Dec. 10, 1923, in Auburn, Ind., to the late Ora Dale and Margaret (Oberlin) Warstler. She married Argyle Franklin Brunson on May 27, 1943, in Auburn, Ind. He died on Dec. 23, 1985.

Surviving are her sons, Gary W. Brunson and his wife, Debra L. Rider, of Elkhart, Ind., and Arlen D. Brunson of New Orleans, La.; her two grandchildren, Andrew (Carrie) Brunson of Elkhart, Ind., and Laura Brunson of Norman, Okla., and one great-grandson, A.J. Brunson; three stepgrandchildren, Steven (Maria) Peacock of Mishawaka, Ind., Joshua Peacock of LaPorte, Ind., and Noah Peacock of Austin, Texas. Three stepgreat-grandchildren, Ashley, Christopher and Edwin Peacock survive as well.

Violet was a 1941 graduate of Auburn High School and worked as a telephone operator in Auburn.

She married Argyle after his return from the service during WW II. They lived and worked in Oklahoma, Indiana, Ohio and Massachusetts prior to moving to Florida in 1972.

She retired in the mid 1990s after working as a print shop specialist at the Ocean Reef Resort in Key Largo.

Violet made friends easily and had a wonderful sense of humor. She also had a love for animals having her own cats and dogs. She enjoyed playing the piano, card games, dominoes and scrabble with her friends.

She lived simply, courageously and with integrity. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Please gather with her family and friends by calling for 1 hour prior to the noon funeral service on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010, at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church located at 211 W. 9th. St., in Auburn. Pastor Stephen Kummernuss of St. Mark's will officiate.

Burial and graveside services will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn. A meal will follow the graveside service at the church.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to the Humane Society of Elkhart County, 54687 C.R. 19, Bristol, IN 46507.

To share a memory of Violet with her family or to send a condolence please visit www.billings funeral-home.com.

G'Nell Abel

AUBURN — G'Nell Abel, 87, formerly of Auburn, died Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Abel

She was born on July 30, 1922, in Detroit, Mich., to John Amzi and Alta (Swanger) Seely.

She was a homemaker and kept records for Roselawn Cemetery for many years as well as records for Abel's Sawmill and also worked for Auburn Clutch in the early 1940s. She is a member of First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Auburn where she taught Sunday school for over 50 years. She enjoyed gardening and flowers, raised African Violets and enjoyed spending time with grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She married Homer L. Abel July 30, 1944, in Auburn and he died in 1977.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, George A. and Frances L. Abel of Auburn; grandchildren Michael K. (Connie) Abel, Marie E. (Bob) Brewer and Melissa J. (David) Ickes; and great-grandchildren Malachi, Naomi, Josiah, Elijah, Isaiah, Elizabeth and Lydia Abel, Forrest and Faith Brewer and Cassidy Ickes.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and two brothers, Loren L. Swanger and J. Kent Seely.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, January 4, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 South Center St., Auburn. Dr Robert Craig will officiate. Burial in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn. Calling is three hours prior to the service from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Radio Station WBCL FM 90 or Youth For Christ or First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Auburn.

William DeWitt

AUBURN — William C. DeWitt, 81, of Auburn died Friday, Jan. 1, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was the vice-president of sales of Cooper Engineered Products for 33 and 1/2 years, retiring in March 1986.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving from 1946-48.

Mr. DeWitt received his BA degree from Findlay College, and he was a member of the Northeast Indiana Trout Association. He was also an avid outdoorsman.

He was born on March 14, 1928 in Indian Head, Penn., to Thomas H. and Margaret C. (Bittner) DeWitt. He married Betty Sleasman on Aug. 6, 1950 in Hagestown, Md. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are four daughters and son-in-laws, Sandi and Frank Davis, Fort Wayne, Susan and Dan Davis, Garrett, Sheri and Mark George, Auburn, and Shelly and Rick Richter, Indianapolis; two sons and a daugher-in-law, Bill DeWitt, Pemberville, Ohio, and Rick and Lori DeWitt, Auburn; 15 grandchildren and spouse, Christy Greene, Brian and Amber Davis, Lisa and Ron Hickman, Nathan DeWitt, Jesse DeWitt, Isaac DeWitt, Emerald Davis, Jedd Davis, Mellow and Thoger Lund, Calvin George, Claire George, Clayton George, Cailyn George, Drew Richter, Riley Richter, and Kiersten Richter; 12 great grandchildren, Hollitte and Hayden Greene, Tristen, Bryson, Halle, Caden and Morgan Davis, Troy, Brantley, Maddie and Abby Hickman, and Balthazar Lund; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Janet and Philip Bongioro, Mechanicsburg, Penn., Audie Firestone, Findlay, Ohio, and Darlene and Erroll Browne, Findlay, Ohio; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Tom and Rosella DeWitt, Acme, Penn., Scott and Barb DeWitt, Pittsburgh, Penn., and Barry and Anne DeWitt, Findlay, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother-in-law, Homer Firestone.

Services will be at 1 pm.. Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010, at Indian Village Church of God, 602 Erie Pass, Auburn, with the Rev. Raymond Warner officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the Indian Village Church of God food bank or Alzheimer's Association.

Marvin Basse

AUBURN — Marvin V. Basse, 73, of Auburn died Friday, Jan. 1, 2010, at his residence.

He was born July 26, 1936, in Auburn to Oscar and Violet (Pletcher) Basse.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving during the Korean War.

Mr. Basse

Mr. Basse married Jocelyn D. Edelman on June 3, 1961, at the St. Thomas Catholic Church in Elkhart.

Marvin was a bank executive at Summit Bank in Fort Wayne for 25 years before his retirement in 1993. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Fort Wayne, University Alumni and Bankers Association.

He is survived by his wife, Jocelyn D. Basse in Auburn: his son and daughter-in-law, John W. and Patty Basse of Gwinn, Mich.; daughter, Cynthia L. O'Neill of Staten Island, N.Y.; grandson, John C. and Heather Basse of Gwinn, Mich.; and his great grandchildren, Marvin and Hailey Basse of Gwinn, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Ferman Basse.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, Jan. 4, 2010, at 10 a.m. at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church in Fort Wayne with Monsignor John Kuzmic officiating. Burial will follow in Cedar Creek Cemetery in Garrett, with military gravesite honors by the U.S. Air Force, Garrett American Legion and VFW.

Calling will today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett and one hour prior to mass at the church. A vigil service will be at 4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the St. Vincent Music Program.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook go to www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Melissa Patrick

AUBURN — Melissa Kay Patrick, 32, died Friday, January 1, 2010, in Auburn.

She was born July 26, 1977, in Martin, Ky., to Wayne and Yvonne (Huff) Griffith, and they survive in Wolcottville.

She was a home health caregiver for ResCare of Fort Wayne. She attended Dayspring Community Church of Auburn. A member of the DeKalb County YMCA and held a Yellow Belt earned through AMAC, (Auburn Martial Arts Center).

She married Jason Patrick on November 26, 1999, in Valentine, Ind., and he survives. She is also survived by a son, Brandon Mathew Griffith of Auburn; two daughters, Allison Nicole Patrick and Kimberly Kay Patrick, both of Auburn; a sister, Patricia Lynn Randol of Stroh; grandparents, Sadie Huff of Garrett, Ind., and Sol and Lorene Griffith of Garrett, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Vallis Huff, and a cousin, Eddie Dwayne Slone.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 6, 2010, at Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville. The Rev. Willie Collins will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, Ind.. Calling is 2-8 p.m. Monday and all day Tuesday at the church.

Memorials can be directed to the family.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is assisting the family with arrangements.

Civic leader William 'Bill' Hinkley dies at 83

KENDALLVILLE — William James "Bill" Hinkley, 83, lifetime Kendallville resident, was ushered into his heavenly home on Saturday, January 2, 2010, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hinkley

Mr. Hinkley was born in Kendallville on August 7, 1926, to the late John W. and Gladys I. (Grosh) Hinkley. He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1944 and attended Purdue University in West Lafayette until being drafted into the U.S. Army during WWII. He proudly served on the Philippine Islands from 1944-1946 during the occupation of Korea.

He married Olive Babetta Spannagel on October 23, 1954 in Kendallville at St. John Lutheran Church.

Bill worked in the scheduling department for 20 years at McCray Refrigeration until 1967. For 15 years, he was the co-owner and manager of Kirkwood's Men's Wear on Main Street in Kendallville and most recently was employed by Dekalb Pharmacare in Auburn. He served for 21 years on the Board of Directors with the Kendallville Chamber of Commerce and was president in 1984. He also served as chairman of the Christmas parade in Kendallville for 23 years.

Bill was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, V.F.W.Post #2749, American Legion Post #86, and the Kendallville Elks Lodge. He loved spending time with his family and enjoyed playing Cribbage with his son, daughter and granddaughter. Bill also was an avid reader and enjoyed historical fiction and nonfiction, and loved to read his Bible.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Olive Hinkley of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Tris Hinkley of Chesterton, Ind.; a daughter, Shelly Hinkley of Kendallville; and three grandchildren, Meghan Hinkley of Valparaiso and Andrew and Graham Hinkley, both of Chesterton.

Visitation will be Tuesday, January 5, 2010, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main St., Kendallville. Funeral services will be Wednesday, January 6, 2010, at 11:30 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, 301 South Oak St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel and Rev. Robert Shriner officiating. There will be an hour of calling at the church before the service. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Casketbearers will be Dan Lash, David Thiem, Jason Savoie, Doug Crane, Scott Booker and Andrew Hinkley.

Preferred memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church or Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice.

View a video tribute by Tuesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Carol Norris

HUDSON — Carol J. Norris (nee Musser), 74, went to her eternal rest peacefully in her home on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010.

Our "wonderful mother" will forever be cherished and missed by her three children; William L. Norris (Gail Altekruse, betrothed) of Ft. Wayne, Vickie L. (Larry) Miller of Hudson, and Rodney J. Dubuisson of Ft. Wayne. She doted on her only grandson, John Norris.

Carol was reared in Pleasant Mills, Ind., and was a lifelong resident in the Fort Wayne area. She retired from Magnavox on June 1, 1994, after 27 years. She enjoyed flower gardens, reading, and quilting. She also loved to paint and play cards on her P.C. She was deeply spiritual and spent a portion of every day reflecting on her personal Christian faith. She was the unofficial chaplain at the annual Musser Reunion, an event she always enjoyed.

According to her wishes, cremation has taken place. A graveside service will take place on Friday, January 8, 2010, at 1 p.m. in the Decatur Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Kendallville Public Library, 221 South Park Ave, Kendallville, Indiana 46755.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

William DeWitt

AUBURN — William C. DeWitt, 81, of Auburn died Friday, Jan. 1, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was the vice-president of sales of Cooper Engineered Products for 33 and 1/2 years, retiring in March 1986.

Mr. DeWitt

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving from 1946-48.

Mr. DeWitt received his BA degree from Findlay College, and he was a member of the Northeast Indiana Trout Association. He was also an avid outdoorsman.

He was born on March 14, 1928 in Indian Head, Penn., to Thomas H. and Margaret C. (Bittner) DeWitt. He married Betty Sleasman on Aug. 6, 1950 in Hagestown, Md. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are four daughters and son-in-laws, Sandi and Frank Davis, Fort Wayne, Susan and Dan Davis, Garrett, Sheri and Mark George, Auburn, and Shelly and Rick Richter, Indianapolis; two sons and a daugher-in-law, Bill DeWitt, Pemberville, Ohio, and Rick and Lori DeWitt, Auburn; 15 grandchildren and spouse, Christy Greene, Brian and Amber Davis, Lisa and Ron Hickman, Nathan DeWitt, Jesse DeWitt, Isaac DeWitt, Emerald Davis, Jedd Davis, Mellow and Thoger Lund, Calvin George, Claire George, Clayton George, Cailyn George, Drew Richter, Riley Richter, and Kiersten Richter; 12 great grandchildren, Hollitte and Hayden Greene, Tristen, Bryson, Halle, Caden and Morgan Davis, Troy, Brantley, Maddie and Abby Hickman, and Balthazar Lund; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Janet and Philip Bongioro, Mechanicsburg, Penn., Audie Firestone, Findlay, Ohio, and Darlene and Erroll Browne, Findlay, Ohio; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Tom and Rosella DeWitt, Acme, Penn., Scott and Barb DeWitt, Pittsburgh, Penn., and Barry and Anne DeWitt, Findlay, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother-in-law, Homer Firestone.

Services will be at 1 pm.. Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010, at Indian Village Church of God, 602 Erie Pass, Auburn, with the Rev. Raymond Warner officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the Indian Village Church of God food bank or Alzheimer's Association.

Tanna Comment

WATERLOO —Tanna M. Comment, 59, of Waterloo died Saturday, January 2, 2010, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Comment formerly worked at Magnavox in Auburn.

She was a graduate of Eastside High School. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and a former member of the Spencerville Eastern Star.

She was born October 5, 1950. She married David F. Comment on February 17, 1973, in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving is her mother, Helen Hoover; two sons and daughters-in-law, Matthew and Kristina Comment of Hamilton, and David and Shannon Comment of Kendallville; one daughter and son-in-law, Hope and David Porter of Goshen; four grandchildren, Madison, Natalea and Ashlin Comment, all of Kendallville, and Kirstin Comment of Hamilton; sisters-in-law and spouse, Monica and Jack Cook of Auburn, Martha and Brad Grimm of Auburn, Janine and Barry Bender of Auburn, and Pam and Steve Koch of Leo; two brothers-in-law and spouse, Jon Comment of Butler, and James and Bobbie Comment of St. Joe; 20 nieces and nephews; and 19 great-nieces and -nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jake Hoover; one son, Jason Comment; a sister, Cindy Gilbert; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Darold Comment and Dorothy "Dottie" Arnott; and a niece, Tina Marie Cook.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Father David Carkenord and the Rev. Russ Howard officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the National Kidney Foundation.

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Melissa Patrick

AUBURN — Calling for Melissa K. Patrick will be all day today at Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in Wolcottville with a service at 6 p.m. at the church.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Carol Cronkhite

BRONSON, Mich. — Carol Ann Cronkhite, 68, of Bronson, Mich., died Friday, January 1, 2010, at home.

She was born May 28, 1941, in Sturgis, Mich., to Merlin John and Bessie Jane (Baldwin) Baird.

Mrs. Cronkhite

She was an employee of Precision Speed Equipment, Sturgis, for three years, and formerly worked for the Kirsch Co. in Sturgis for over 30 years.

She was a 1959 graduate of Ashley High School and lived most of her life in Bronson, Michigan. She was a member of Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, Ind.

She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. Her hobbies included cooking, playing the piano and singing, and she enjoyed listening to southern gospel music, and her cat "Pretty Girl."

Surviving are three daughters, Kimberly J. Atkinson of Angola, Kerri L. and Curtis D. Dowell of Angola and Elissa K. and Craig B. Allen of Phoenix, Ariz.; one son, Kevin D. Atkins of Angola; seven grandchildren, Elizabeth A. Atkinson, Arin M. Atkinson, Jackson O. Atkinson, Nathan R. O'Rourke, Cody D. Dowell, Trenton Atkins and Denay L. Caudill ; one sister, Margaret Parsell of Waterloo, Ind.; and one brother, Merlin John Baird Jr. of Ashley, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Michael Baird.

Visitation was Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today, Wednesday, January 6, 2010, at Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, with Pastor Norm Fuller officiating. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville, Ind.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beams funeralhome.com.

Stacy Wells

GARRETT — Stacy Allen Wells, 48, of Garrett, died Friday, December 25, 2009, in hospice care in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wells was a truck driver.

He was born to Lennis Wells and Ida Coney on Jan. 11, 1961. His parents preceded him in death.

He is survived by three children, Cory Wells, Justin Wells and Danielle Wells; one sister, Andrea Kruse; and two brothers, Len Wells and Steve Wells.

He will be cremated.

The family plans to hold a celebration of life service at a later date.

Joyce Gump

BUTLER — Joyce C. Gump, 80, of Butler died Monday, Jan. 4, 2010, at her home.

Mrs. Gump worked as a clerk for Cooper Jewelry and Barrett's Dimestore and had worked for Morenci Rubber.

Mrs. Gump

She was born Sept. 15, 1929, in Butler to Robert and Ethel (Harris) Miller. She married Lewis R. Gump on April 12, 1952, in Butler. He preceded in death Jan. 4, 2008.

Surviving are two sons, Larry Gump and his fiancee, Dawn Atkinson, of Butler and Ricky and Sherry Gump of Butler; two sisters, Redith Goebel and Retta Bowditch, both of Edgerton, Ohio; a brother, Alger Miller of Butler; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Cathy Ellen; four brothers, Robert Allen, her twin Joseph, Charles and Doyle Miller; and a sister, Bernadine Miller.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m Friday at Butler Cemetery with Pastor Paul Patton officiating.

Memorials are to the donor's choice or the family.

View a video tribute or send condolences to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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January 6 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Donald Wiley Jr.

AUBURN — Donald F. Wiley Jr., 67, of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 4, 2010, at the VA Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wiley was the owner and operator of W&S Sound and DJ Don Service of Auburn. He also managed the historic Auburn Hotel for many years.

Mr. Wiley

He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving during the Vietnam War.

He was a 1962 graduate of Auburn High School.

He was a member and two-time past commander of American Legion Post 97 of Auburn. He was also a member of the Northeastern Indiana Vietnam Veterans.

He was born Nov. 8, 1942, in Auburn to Donald F. Wiley Sr. and Maxine Ann (Scott) Wiley. He married Phyllis Cain on July 17, 1965, in Angola and she survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Donald F. Wiley III of Auburn, and Robert S. and Anna Wiley of Ashley; one daughter and her fiance, Stacey S. Murphy and Jamie O'Dell of Golden Lake; three grandchildren; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Vicki and Jeff Shephard of Leesburg and Barb and Douglas Sledge of Leesburg; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bill and Sheila Wiley of Victoria, Texas, and Scott and Deb Wiley of Warsaw; and 28 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Sally and Sharon.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn with military graveside service being conducted by American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Allen County Cancer Services.

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Michael Lee

GARRETT — Michael Scott Lee, 19, of Garrett died Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the family in care of Jason High, 300 E. King St., Garrett, IN 46738.

Micheal Lee

GARRETT — Micheal S. Lee, 19, of Garrett died Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at a later date.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the guest book or leave an online condolence, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Roxie Moorehead

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Roxie K. Moorehead, 67, of Leo died Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Moorehead was a homemaker.

Mrs. Moorehead

She was a member of the Leo United Methodist Church in Leo.

She was born May 6, 1942, in Defiance, Ohio, to Delmar and Lena (Wells) Matson. She married Richard D. Moorehead on Sept. 10, 1965, in Defiance. He survives in Leo.

Also surviving are two sons, Tim Thompson of Texas and Scott Moorehead of Leo; three daughters, Tamara Fonner of Spencerville, Melany Borkowski of Rolling Prairie and Melissa Byers of Auburn; two stepdaughters, Kathryn Karkau of Flint, Mich., and Sherry Acra of Leo; 17 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville with Pastor Mike Kjergaard officiating. Entombment will be in Riverview Memory Gardens in Defiance, Ohio.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN.

Catherine Wiant

GARRETT — Catherine M. Wiant, 95, of Garrett died Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Wiant was a secretary at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne before her retirement in 1980.

Mrs. Wiant

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, the Rosary Society, Harvest House and Psi Iota Xi Sorority.

She was born Sept. 1, 1914, in Garrett to Bernard and Jennie (Krus) Johnson.

She is survived by two sons and daughters in-law, Robert P. and Marilyn Wiant of Adams Lake, Wolcottville, and David T. and Pat Wiant of Garrett; a daughter, Mary M. Clarke of Stockton, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Rita Mavis Reeves; and two brothers, Edward and Tommy Johnson.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, with Father Andrew Nazareth officiating. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Calling will be from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School or Church.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomas funeral-home.org.

Roberta Bloomfield

AVILLA — Roberta Sue Bloomfield, 53, of Avilla died Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010.

Ms. Bloomfield had worked at Starcraft in Topeka.

Ms. Bloomfield

She was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous in Wolcottville.

She was born July 9, 1956, in Rome, N.Y., to Robert and Connie (Friend) McNamara.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Jennifer Bloomfield of LaOtto and Amanda and Timothy Newsome of Wolcottville; a son, Jason Patrick of Waterloo; seven grandchildren; her father and stepmother, Robert and Jean McNamara of Stroh; her mother, Connie Patrick of Rome City; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Terry and Vicky McNamara of Corunna, Jay and Teresa McNamara of Albion and John and Ann McNamara of Topeka.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Alta Hite, and a daughter-in-law, Melissa Patrick.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Independent Baptist Church in South Milford with Pastor Earl Bolen officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Patricia Westrick

AUBURN — Patricia J. Westrick, 78, of Auburn died Friday, January 8, 2010, at her home in rural Auburn.

Mrs. Westrick worked for the Lincoln Life Insurance Company from 1952-1954 and the DeKalb County Clerk's Office from 1967-1969. She then went to work for the Auburn Post Office for over 20 years, retiring in 1991.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

She was born on June 16, 1931, in Auburn to Russell H. and Wilma V. (Holman) Dove. They both preceded her in death.

She married Norman F. Westrick on May 10, 1952, in Auburn. He passed away on September 22, 2004.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Mike F. and Pam Westrick of Auburn, and Steve A. and Teresa Westrick of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Debra K. and Max Miller of Waterloo; six grandchildren, Scott J. Miller, Chad M. Westrick, Randy D. Miller, Mindy A. Westrick, Eric C. Westrick, and Celsei M. Westrick; one great-grandson, Layne Miller.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m. Monday, January 11, 2010, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Father Derrick Sneyd officiating. Burial will take place in Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn and also Monday 1 hour prior to the service at the church. A rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association, or Masses to the church.

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Visionary leaves school as legacy

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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AVILLA — About half a mile south on Lemper Road west of Avilla is the 65-acre campus of Oak Farm Montessori School serving 170 students from 3 months through grade 8 in its infant, lower elementary, upper elementary and middle school country-home-like buildings.

Lorene Salsbery combined her entrepreneurial spirit with her leadership skills and tremendous vision within the field of education to create Oak Farm Montessori School. It opened in January 2000.

It was Mrs. Salsbery's dream. It's now her legacy, and the legacy of the thousands of children who will pass through its doors.

"Lorene believed that the children of northern Indiana deserved the very finest education," said Judith Cunningham, Oak Farm's head of school. "Education for Lorene meant opportunity and the way to change the world for the better was through the education of children."

Lorene Dekko Salsbery, 48, of Fort Wayne passed away Dec. 16, 2009. She graduated from East Noble High School in 1980, and from Hanover College in 1984, majoring in communications.

Cunningham met Mrs. Salsbery nearly three years ago when Salsbery recruited her to be Oak Farm's head of school. "What impressed me about Lorene was her compelling vision and commitment to creating a model Montessori School," she said.

Mike and Natalie Axel of rural Kendallville have two children attending Oak Farm. "I knew Lorene for about 20 years," said Natalie Axel. "As a friend she was always a joy to be around. As the founder of Oak Farm Montessori School, she was an energetic leader who wanted nothing but the absolute best for the children of her school."

Mrs. Salsbery taught the Axels' daughter. "Lorene was creative, encouraging and instilled a sense of confidence and a love of learning in her students," said Natalie Axel.

Mike Axel, a member of the Oak Farm Montessori School board of directors, said Lorene was one of the most positive and generous people he had ever met. She generously gave her time, talents and resources to establish Oak Farm Montessori School. "Her vision to create a child-centered academic environment and increase educational choice for parents will benefit our communities for generations to come."

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The late Lorene Dekko Salsbery sits outside the entrance to Oak Farm Montessori School near Avilla, a school she founded in 2000.

Before starting Oak Farm, Mrs. Salsbery formed and ran her own business before becoming involved in the family business, Group Dekko. She then assumed the position of chief executive officer of The Dekko Foundation.

"A lot of people say that children are the future of our world, or that children's education should be society's number one concern," commented Tom Leedy, The Dekko Foundation's executive director. "What was special about Lorene was that she quietly dedicated her life and her work to the cause. At The Dekko Foundation Lorene will be missed because she offered that unwavering vision of excellence for children's education."

Her enthusiasm for life showed in her school spirit while a cheerleader for four years at East Noble and cheerleader at Hanover College.

"Lorene had a passion and smile that was contagious when she was around others," said her sister, Erica Dekko. "Lorene was the most sincere and caring person that I have ever known. She was the best sister anyone could ever have."

Natalie Axel said Mrs. Salsbery may be gone, but the Kendallville community will feel her presence every day. "Whether we are benefiting from an organization supported by The Dekko Foundation, hearing the laughter of Oak Farm students or watching her two beautiful daughters grow into strong, independent adults, Lorene has left her mark."

Salsbery is survived by: her husband, Phil Salsbery; daughters Olivia and Sophia Salsbery; her mother, Erlene Dekko; sister and brother-in-law, Erica Dekko and Tim Kochanski; brother and sister-in-law, Tad and Pat Dekko; a niece, Paige Dekko; two nephews, Ryan Kochanski and Chase Dekko; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jack and Denise Salsbery; a sister-in-law and her husband, Linda and Pat Calhoun; and two brothers-in-law and their spouses, Scott and Karen Salsbery and Billie and Veronica Salsbery.

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Walter Smith touched lives of everyone

BY JENNY KOBIELA-MONDOR
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AUBURN — Walter Melvin Smith wanted to touch everyone's life — and he had a positive effect on many people in his 96 years. He died Dec. 20.

"I recall when I was young, we'd be walking down the street, and he would speak to everybody, and he would wave to everybody," said Walter's son, John Martin Smith, an Auburn attorney. "He told me, 'I want to be the friend of everybody. You just never know if that person will need me or need you.' That's been very helpful in the practice of law."

"I know Walter was a very people person. I don't think he ever met a person he didn't try to know a little bit about," said Ron Feller, whose wife is Walter Smith's niece. "Wherever it was, he made it a point to find out about people."

Pam King, who was Walter's caregiver for four years, said she loved listening to his stories. She remembers Walter talking about his first wife, Kathleen.

"He used to say that when they were in first grade she had fallen and he kissed her, and she went and told the teacher, and the teacher told his mom," King said. "He said, 'You know what I did then? I married her.'"

King said she was struck by Smith's love for his family. He married Kathleen on Aug. 22, 1937, in Butler, and was married to her until her death in 1981. He then married Marie Pearlstone in 1983, and she died in 2001.

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Gathering with his descendants on his 90th birthday in 2003, Walter Smith sits behind the wheel of his family's 1925 Auburn Touring Car.

Walter had three children, a stepdaughter, six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

"He's very much a family man, always has been," Feller said. Smith enjoyed teasing and playing jokes on the children, Feller added. "They grew up knowing Uncle Walter to play a joke on them if he could," he said. "He liked to laugh."

He had fun, but Walter also knew the value of hard work, John Martin Smith said.

"He taught me to work hard," he said. John Martin Smith helped his father raise hogs on the Smith family farm on the southwest edge of Butler. The pair had to carry five-gallon buckets of hot water to the barn in the wintertime to mix with slop for the pigs, Smith remembers. "Just a lot of good, hard work," he said.

John Martin Smith remembers one unfortunate incident with a pig on the farm.

"I was learning how to drive and was driving around the farms and the country roads," he said. "One Sunday afternoon I decided I was going to practice backing up."

Smith said he was backing up a 1935 Chevy pickup truck and ran over something.

"I put it in first gear and ran over it again," he said. He got out of the truck and realized he had run over a pig.

"I kind of poked him, and he got up and shook his head," he said. "I never told dad."

The pig was 60 pounds when he ran it over, and, causing Walter much confusion, never got any bigger. John Martin Smith never told his parents about the incident, but told some friends at law school. When his parents came for Smith's law school graduation, a friend mentioned the story to Walter.

"I had to tell him 10 years later what I'd done," Smith said.

In addition to working on the farm, Walter was employed by the Oberlin Grocery Co. for several years before becoming a substitute postal clerk at the Butler Post Office in 1938 and a regular clerk in 1941. On June 21, 1951, he was appointed postmaster at Butler by President Harry S. Truman, and he served until he retired Jan. 2, 1976.

John Martin Smith said his father was very accommodating as the postmaster and would go above and beyond to help people. He also worked the window at the post office, even though he didn't have to.

"He used to tell me that the price of stamps was 3 cents a stamp if you closed the envelope, or a penny and a half if you left the envelope open," King said.

"He was just such an amazing man. He was just so full of life and so full of fun and stories," King added. "He was the type of man who touched everyone's life."

William Jacquay

AUBURN — William Howard Jacquay, 79, of Auburn died Friday, Jan. 8, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Father Dan Leeuw officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery of Auburn with military graveside services being conducted by the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the funeral service on Tuesday at the funeral home. A rosary will be recited at 5:45 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Turnstone wheelchair soccer program or masses to the church.

Pent Somkit

AUBURN — Pent Somkit, 72, of Auburn died Friday, Jan. 8, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

There will be no services conducted.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Phao Somkit.

William Jacquay

AUBURN —William Howard Jacquay, 79, of Auburn, died Friday, January 8, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Jacquay

Mr. Jacquay worked for the Falstaff Brewery in Fort Wayne for 30 years, retiring in 1985.

He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving during Korea.

He was a member and past commander of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn. He assisted in conducting the military graveside services through the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn for over 40 years. He also was a member of the Eagles Lodge of Syracuse. He was a member of the immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn.

He was born May 30, 1930, in Fort Wayne to Walter E. and Dorothy F. (Petry) Jacquay.

He married Joyce A. Howes on January 27, 1951, in New Haven and she survives.

Also surviving are six sons and daughters-in-law, Mark B. and Sue Jacquay of Rushville, Earl F. and Marcy Jacquay of Havelock, N.C., Kenneth L. and Diane Jacquay of Auburn, Vincent O. and Dawn Jacquay of Butler, William H. Jacquay Jr. and Kathy Jacquay of Butler, and Kim A. Jacquay of Syracuse; one daughter and son-in-law, Christal A. and Jim Buse' of Auburn; one brother and sister-in-law, Gerald F. and Linda Jacquay of New Haven; one sister, Cecile C. Ledig of New Haven; 26 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Karen Jacquay; and one brother, Russell W. Jacquay.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Father Dan Leeuw officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Auburn with military graveside services being conducted by the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 - 4 and 6 - 8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the funeral service on Tuesday at the funeral home.

A rosary will be recited at 5:45 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Turnstone wheelchair soccer program, or masses to the church.

Evelyn Pollock

ANGOLA — Evelyn Marie (Mann) Pollock, 85, of Angola died Saturday, January 9, 2010, at her home.

Mrs. Pollock was a sales woman for Stanley Home Products and Tierra Glassware.

She was a member of the Angola American Legion Auxiliary, Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, and the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

She was born July 12, 1924, in Butler to Clarence and Hazel (Curry) Norrick. They both preceded him in death.

She married Paul Mann on May 18, 1941. He passed away on October 28, 1970. She then married Robert Pollock on January 27, 1988, and he passed away on October 20, 2002.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jerry Mann of Angola, and Gary and Jeanne Mann of Hamilton; five grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren; and one sister, Lois Bonecutter of Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; one son, Larry Mann; and a sister, Violet Pratt.

Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Jeff Alexander officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday prior to the funeral service.

Memorials may be directed to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

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Wilma Wetter

AUBURN — Wilma A. Wetter, 99, of Auburn, died Saturday, January 9, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home.

Mrs. Wetter

She was born September 7, 1910, in Gibsonburg, Ohio, the daughter of the late Ralph and Bessie Stone. She was a high school English teacher for 42 years and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law; Nancy and William Mull of Auburn and Emily Jordan of Emerald Isle, N.C.; a sister, Mary Schoenoff of Phoenix, Ariz.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Wetter.

There will be no services.

Arrangements are by Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials to Trinity Lutheran Church, 1801 N. Main St., Auburn, IN 46706.

To sign the guest book, or leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Wanda Lockwood

AUBURN — Wanda E. Lockwood, 86, of Auburn died Wednesday, January 5, 2010, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

There will be no calling. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Ralph Patton

SANDUSKY, Ohio — Ralph Glenn Patton, 86, of Sandusky died Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010, at Parkvue Health Care Center, Sandusky, after an extended illness.

He was born in Wadestown, W.Va., and had been a resident of the Huron area for the past 16 years.

He retired from International Harvester after working 24 years as a chief engineer.

Mr. Patton was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served during World War II.

He attended the Church of the Nazarene in Sandusky and was a member of the VFW of Bluffton, Ind., and the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Betty (Pugh) Patton, whom he was married to for 16 years; a daughter, Glenna (Bernerd) McFertters of Kimmell, Ind.; a stepdaughter, Vickie (Rocky) Moore of Sandusky; a son, Rev. Paul A. (Karen) Patton of Butler, Ind.; a stepson, Don (Mary) Jennings of Berlin Heights; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Maxine Tonkery of Fairmont, W.Va.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul D and Viola (Mathews) Patton; 2 sisters, Pauline Crandall and Juanita Lopez, and a brother, Patrick Patton.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Monday at the Church of the Nazarene in Sandusky with the Rev. David Flack officiating.

Burial will take place at 1 p.m. today at the Hoverstock Cemetery, in Zanesville, Ind.

Memorials are to Stein Hospice Services, 1200 Sycamore Line, Sandusky, Ohio, 44870 or to the Church of the Nazarene, Sandusky, Ohio 44870.

Foster Funeral Home, 410 Main St., Huron, Ohio, is handling the arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to www.fosterfh.com

Lavon Kline

BUTLER — Lavon H. Kline, 82, of Butler died Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010, at his home.

No services or calling at this time.

Arrangements by H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler.

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Larry DeWitt

SYRACUSE — Larry A. DeWitt, 75, of Syracuse died Monday, Jan. 11, 2010, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Owen Family Funeral Home in Syracuse. Private family services with burial will be at a later date in Corunna Cemetery at Corunna.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to North Webster American Legion Youth Scholarship Fund.

Condolences may be sent to www.ownfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Virgilia Platt

EDGERTON, Ohio — Virgilia Platt, 90, of Edgerton and formerly of Hamilton, Ind., died Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010, in Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers in Bryan, Ohio.

Mrs. Platt was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Edgerton, Ohio, and its Rosary Altar Society.

She was born on Oct. 25, 1919, in DeKalb County, Ind., the daughter of Jacob and Eugenia (Marshall) Werner. She married Raymond Platt on May 30, 1942, in Auburn, Ind., and he preceded her in death on Nov. 15, 1979.

Surviving are numerous nieces and nephews and a sister-in-law, Anna Mae Platt, of Butler, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary Catholic Church in Edgerton with the Rev. Stephen Schroeder officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery near Hamilton, Ind.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today in the Krill Funeral Home at Edgerton, with a Scripture service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com

Daisy Morris

FORT WAYNE — Daisy Belle Morris, 20 days old, died Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 4:45 p.m. from complications of premature birth at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She is survived by her parents Matt and Addie Morris of Fort Wayne; a sister, Lily Morris; her grandparents, Steve and Nicki Post of Auburn and David and Susan Morris of Fort Wayne; her great-grandparents, Nina Dove, Virginia Post, Tom and Lois Zook all of Auburn, and Edsel and Bernadine Morris of Ripley, W.Va.

Funeral services are at 7 p.m. today at Blackhawk Christian Church, 7400 E. State St., with calling from 4 to 7 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview North NICU Parents Connection Fund.

D.O. McComb and Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Luella Bergmeier

WATERLOO, Iowa — Luella Mae Bergmeier, 87, of Dysart, Iowa, died Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010, at Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Parrott & Wood Chapel of Memories in Waterloo, Iowa.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Janice DeYoung

CORUNNA — Janice DeYoung, 73, of Corunna died Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. DeYoung worked at Modern Air in Waterloo, Kitchen Quip in Waterloo and Dana Corp. in Kendallville before retiring in 2002.

Mrs. DeYoung

She was a member of Corunna Church of Christ.

She was born May 7, 1936, in Hamilton to Floyd and Laura (Kauffman) Musser. She married Carl DeYoung on June 21, 1952, in Butler and he survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Cathy and Dan Zimmerman of LaGrange, Roxanne and Roger Knight of Columbia City, Jennifer and Michael Wilcox of Angola, Terrie and Michael Mills of St. Joe and Christi Rosa and her companion Gary Cossart of Fremont; a son and daughter-in-law, Kim and Deloris DeYoung of Waterloo; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Velma Ellert of Ashley, Wava Missler of Bryan, Ohio, Alta Gettys of Waterloo and Vera Smith of Angola.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Jason Snook; a granddaughter, Shawn Marie Shipe; a great-grandson, Corey Anglin; a brother; and five sisters.

Services will be 1 p.m. Monday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Todd Steere officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are directed to the family.

Chris Purlee was like a shining star

BY WANDA YODER
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LAGRANGE — Christine L. Purlee, 44, of Howe, was surrounded by her family at her home early Saturday morning, Dec. 5, 2009, when she ended her hard fought battle with cancer. But the end of Chris Purlee's life tells only half the story of what kind of a person she was.

According to her pastor, the Rev. Brian VanOsdol of the LaGrange Church of God, Chris Purlee lead her life like that of the star that shown over Bethlehem, directing the shepherds to the Christ-child.

"She was always caring and a person who always loved people. Attentive but non-judgmental. Being around Chris inspired a person to be a better and more loving person. She 'let the light shine' with how she lived. She didn't have to preach," Pastor Brian said.

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Chris Purlee is shown with her husband, Greg.

Chris was born June 25, 1965, in Coldwater, Mich., the daughter of Roger and Genevieve (Brouillard) Smoker, graduated from Sturgis High School and moved to Howe in 1984. She married Greg Purlee on July 21, 1984.

"When we were dating, many of those dates would be to visit nursing home residents," Greg remembered. "She had a strong care and desire for others. Chris didn't think a lot about herself and her needs but about others."

Chris will undoubtedly be remembered for her devotion to children in Honduras that she befriended while on a mission trip. Her husband and children accompanied her on the most recent trips. Before her life ended, she made nine trips to Honduras for the Forgotten Children Ministries, ministering to street children and orphans in an area where kids fought for food, lived a life of stealing and glue sniffing.

Many in her church could testify to the encouragement and support they felt after receiving one of Chris' "Sunshine Baskets." The baskets were left at the church with a person's name attached, with neither the pastor nor anyone in the congregation except her family knowing where they came from.

"Someone gave her one and she was so blessed that she gave to others," Greg explained. "At least a dozen were delivered. They went to people experiencing stroke, cancer or facing death whether she knew them or not. Before she heard of a need, she would go to the store and pick up little things, of all types and description. Opening one package everyday gave people something to look forward to. Chris had a strong sense of caring and desire for others," Greg said.

Chris also reached beyond the Sunshine Basket to support others in need of strength beyond themselves. Ruth Chester of Howe, who does not attend the LaGrange Church of God, felt Chris' special touch when their grandson was diagnosed with cancer. "She was a sweetheart. She made you feel like it was all about you and not her—when all the time she was suffering," Ruth said and explained that she and Chris met through a relative and friend. "She comforted us and then we cared for Chris and her family."

Many more stories have surfaced about Chris since her passing and more may come to light. And, like a ripple in the water from one stone cast, it goes on and on.

Greg and Chris have three children at home: Aaron, 20, a recent graduate of Glen Oaks Community College, Centreville, Mich.; Jenna, 17, a senior at Lakeland High School; and Robin, 15, a sophomore at Lakeland. All three children were home-schooled until Chris became too ill to continue.

The family suggests those wishing to make a memorial donation in Chris' memory consider the Forgotten Children Ministries P.O. Box 24085, Chattanooga, TN 374220-4085.

Lila Allen

AUBURN — Lila L. Allen, 85, of Auburn, and formerly of Angola, died Saturday Jan. 16, 2010 at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Allen

She was born in Angola on Sept.ember 22, 1924, to Carl and Lilly (Rinehart) Erwin and they have both passed away.

She was a homemaker and was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ.

She married Archie A. Allen on March 13, 1943, in San Antonio, Texas and he died Oct. 6, 2008.

She is survived by a daughter Sandra "Sandy" L. Allen of Cincinnati, Ohio, and a son and daughter-in-law Steven D. and Molly Allen of Auburn; three grandchildren, Amanda (Tom) Peet of Auburn, Tyler Allen of Fort Wayne and Carli Allen of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and two brothers, Johne Erwin and Carlton Erwin.

Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 South Center Street, Auburn. Wayne Michael will officiate.

Burial in Lake Gage Cemetery, Angola.

Evelyn Claxton

BUTLER — Evelyn C Claxton, 70 died Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was born in Ashley on Jan. 30, 1939 to Joseph A. and Cornelia (Schuitte) Gfeller. They have both passed away. She married Ronald Claxton in July 1990 and he died Nov. 5, 2008.

She worked for Universal Tool and Stamping in Butler retiring in October 1979.

She is survived by two daughters and son in laws; Linda and Jacob Baird of Butler and Darlene and Karl Mavis of St. Joe; a son Robert E. Lee of Butler; a brother, Frederick Gfeller of Corunna, and two sisters Mary Ann Freeburg of Chicago, and Agnes Fender of Ashley; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Monday at Waterloo Cemetery in Waterloo. Father David Carkenord will officiate.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo are in charge of arrangements.

Memorials can be directed to the family.

Mary Means

AUBURN — Mary E. Means, 89, of Auburn died Saturday, January 16, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was born December 5, 1920, in Richland Township in DeKalb County to Frank E. and LuLu (Kennedy) Schuster. They have both passed away.

She was a homemaker and was a member of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn. She was a 50-year member of the Auburn Eastern Star and was also a 50-year member of the Auburn Ladies of the Moose Auxiliary. She was a member of the Auburn Elks Lodge.

She married Kenneth R. Means on June 14, 1939, in Auburn, and he died August 5, 1998.

She is survived by a brother, Walter Schuster of Muncie, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband and a brother, Warren Henry Schuster.

Services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is two hours prior to the service Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Children First Center in Auburn.

Helen Johnson

AUBURN —Helen H. Johnson, 86, of Auburn died Sunday, January 17, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Johnson

She was born in Auburn on May 27, 1923, to Don F. and Mary (Weaver) Hawver.

Helen was secretary-treasurer for Johnson Oil Co. in Auburn for 36 years, and she also worked as a clerk for Keltch Drugs, and Dan Cunningham for 12 years before her retirement in 2000.

She was a member of County Line Church of God, Joy Group at County Line, Tri Kappa, PBW in Auburn and Wilmington Township Home Demonstration Club.

She is survived by a son, Walter Richard Johnson of Orland; a daughter, Sharon Kay (Roger) Feingold of Jacksonville, Fla.; a son-in-law, Timothy Albert of Garrett; a sister, Eliner Gingrich of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Andrea (Stuart) Feingold James of Gainesville, Fla., Kellie Feingold of Jacksonville, Fla., and Ezekiel Albert of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three daughters, Nancy Ann Johnson in 1950, Patricia Marie Johnson in 1951 and Sandra Elaine Albert in April 2009; and a brother, Linley Hawver.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday January 20, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to County Line Church of God or DeKalb County Youth for Christ.

Catharine Minehart

BUTLER — Catharine S. Minehart 70, died Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

She was born on November 18, 1939 in Clearfield, Pennsylvania to George and Sarah (Dickey) Scott.

Mrs. Minehart

Catharine received a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Dickinson College. She taught at the Havertown, Pennsylvania, schools for eight years and then worked at the Butler Public Library. She was the retired clerk-treasurer of the City of Butler.

She married Richard Minehart on August 14, 1965, in Clearfield, Pennsylvania. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Samuel S. Minehart of Atlanta, Georgia, George G. and Danielle Minehart of Oak Park, Illinois, and Lucas and Nicole Minehart of Auburn; two brothers, John Scott of Haddonfield, New Jersey, and Charles Scott of West Chester, Pennsylvania; and three grandchildren, Mikayla, Bowen and Madalyn Minehart.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Sarah Patwell.

Cathy was a member of the Auburn Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be Saturday, January 23, at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor William Weaver officiating.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials may be directed to the Butler Park Department or the Butler Public Library.

Condolences may be left and a video tribute viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com

Arthur Wildeson

MISSOURI — Arthur H. Wildeson, 96, of southern Missouri and formerly of rural Auburn died the morning of January 18, 2010, where he resided several months in a nursing home.

Mr. Wildeson

He was born Feb. 3, 1913, in south Auburn to William L. and Etta E. (Miller) Wildeson. He married Ruth "Blanche" Surfus on April 24, 1938. She passed away in 1985.

Arthur was a lifetime farmer in Butler Township and worked several summers for the DeKalb County Highway Department as a roadside mower. He also was on the Cedar Creek Cemetery Board of Directors and served as sexton for many years.

As a young man, Mr. Wildeson enjoyed playing the fiddle for square dances in the surrounding area. Many can vouch that he and his wife were avid square dancers during their married life. Friends recall him playing the guitar and harmonica at the same time and writing humorous poems. They also enjoyed traveling to various parts of the country, visiting friends and relatives. He spent the last several winters in southern Missouri and moved there in the summer of 2005 to be with cousins, Joan (Sponhower) and Carl Benz.

Arthur was creative at wood working and fashioned many items for the family and friends. Each September he looked forward to the DeKalb County Fair, especially the old settlers' day and entering antiques or hand made items. He always loved to play games especially dominoes and bingo. You could count on him attending and helping with the Butler Township grade school reunions.

He was a member of the Altarstar United Methodist Church (formerly Cedar Creek Chapel Church) where he served as trustee, superintendent, janitor, and faithful bell ringer each Sunday morning. He very seldom missed a social or potluck event, loved all the holidays, even dressing as Santa and handing out his donated treats.

He is survived by two nephews, Dale Wildeson of Auburn and Dean Wildeson of Huntertown; a niece, Darlene (Wildeson) Relya of Auburn; a sister-in-law, Evelyn Wildeson; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; and one brother, Robert Wildeson.

Services will be at noon Friday at Altarstar United Methodist Church in Garrett with Pastor Kathy Thompson officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon prior to the service at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the Altarstar United Methodist Church.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Evelyn Claxton

BUTLER — Evelyn C. Claxton, 70, died Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was born in Ashley on Jan. 30, 1939, to Joseph A. and Cornelia (Schuitte) Gfeller. They have both passed away. She married Ronald Claxton in July 1990 and he died Nov. 5, 2008.

She worked for Universal Tool and Stamping in Butler retiring in October 1979. She had also worked at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn for six years.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-laws, Linda and Jacob Baird of Butler and Darline and Karl Mavis of St. Joe; a son, Robert E. Lee of Butler; a brother, Frederick Gfeller of Corunna; two sisters, Mary Ann Freeburg of Chicago and Agnes Fender of Ashley; 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, George Lee; a daughter, Marlene Belcher; and a brother, Richard Gfeller.

Graveside services were Monday at Waterloo Cemetery in Waterloo. Father David Carkenord officiated.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials can be directed to the family.

Georgetta Berry

SPENCERVILLE — Georgetta D. Berry, 65, of Spencerville died Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Berry was a graduate of Urbana High School in Odgen, Ill.

She was born May 13, 1944, in Pleasant Lake to George A. and Arlene (Phillips) Wisel. She married William F. Berry on March 31, 1968. He survives in Spencerville.

Also surviving are two sons, Kurt Berry of St. Joe and Kenneth Berry of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren; and three brothers, Ned Wisel of Garrett, George Wisel of Carmel and Edward Wisel of Newville.

Memorial graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

Memorials are to the family.

Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@bnin.net.

Tonya Smith

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Tonya Renee Smith, 19, of Tallahassee, Florida, died Saturday, January 16, 2010, at 3:40 a.m. in a one-vehicle accident.

Miss Smith

Tonya had lived in Florida for six years, coming from Iowa. She was employed at Kohl's.

She loved fishing, riding dirt bikes, and, most of all, she loved having fun with her friends and family. She was beautiful and full of life. She will be missed so much.

She was born February 21, 1990, in Auburn to Mark and Shawn (Farrow) Smith. Her father survives in Albion, and her mother survives in Blue Earth, Minnesota.

Also surviving are her fiance, Jesse Fox of Tallahassee, Florida; four sisters, Jenny Jones of Ames, Iowa, Jessy Jones of Ames, Iowa, Tarryn Smith of Albion, and Tia Smith of Blue Earth, Minnesota; four brothers and a sister-in-law, Brandon and Angel Smith of Albion, Joshua Jones of Tallahassee, Florida, Kayden Smith of Albion, and Chandler Smith of Albion; maternal grandparents, Dick and Leona Farrow of Iowa; paternal grandfather, Billy Smith of Albion; two nephews, Jayce Smith and Jayden Smith; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandmother, Racine Smith.

Funeral services will be Saturday, January 23, 2010, in Rake, Iowa.

A memorial service will be Monday, January 25, 2010, at 6 p.m. in Harbor of Love Church, 2353 South Lima Road, Kendallville, with Pastor Charlie Mosley, Pastor Clarence Combs, and Pastor Billy Smith officiating.

The family will receive friends on Monday, January 25, 2010, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Assisting the family with arrangements is Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Betty Kleeman

GARRETT — Betty L. (Vallieu) Kleeman, 78, of Garrett died Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Kleeman

She worked for the Auburn State Bank for 10 years, managed the W-M Employees Federal Credit Union for 19 years, and was Electric Motors 401K trustee for 12 years, retiring in 1993.

Mrs. Kleeman was a member of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

She was born April 19, 1931, in Auburn to Harold and Hazel (Woolever) Vallieu. She married Herbert Kleeman on March 2, 1952, in Auburn. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Deb Kleeman of Garrett and Terry and Art Hornburg of Alsip, Ill.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Tom and Evie Kleeman of Garrett, Michael Kleeman of Auburn and Patrick and Debbie Kleeman of Garrett; two sisters, Norma Allen of Rock Hill, S.C., and Ann Brown of Butler; seven grandchildren, Adam Kleeman, Zech Kleeman, Nathan Kleeman, Andrew Kleeman, Natalie Hornburg, Emily Hornburg and Maura Lepley; and three great-grandchildren, Jacob Kleeman, Julia Kleeman and Addisyn Terry.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two grandchildren, Jared Kleeman and Art Hornburg; and one sister, Maxine Bond.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1349 S. Randolph St., Garrett, with the Rev. Jeffrey Horn officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. on Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and from 10-11 a.m. Saturday prior to the funeral service at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Garrett and/or the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

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January 22 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Larry Barnes

ASHLEY — Larry A. Barnes, 72, of Ashley died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Barnes worked as a printer for Moore Business Forms in Angola for 31 years, retiring in 1992.

He was born July 14, 1937, in Lansing, Mich., to Earl W. and Margarete E. (Howard) Barnes. They both preceded him in death.

He married Margaret A. "Peg" Frase-Figgins on Jan. 9, 1981, in Coldwater, Mich., and she survives in Ashley.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeffry D. Barnes of Pleasant Lake, Rick L. Barnes of Hamilton and David L. and Tracy Figgins of Houston, Texas; one daughter and son-in-law, Beth E. and Paris Hasty of Auburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Brian H. and Carol Barnes of Los Osos, CaliF., and Pasha and Annie Rostov of Malaysia; a sister and brother-in-law, Marsha and Tim Stewart of Mt. Juliet, Tenn.; eight grandchildren, Brad Barnes, Kara Barnes, Tina Barnes, Cory Barnes, Brennan Figgins, Sara (Jake) McGinnis, Ben Huth and Brandi Huth; and four great-grandchildren, Rhiannon Huth, Nate Huth, Jacob McGinnis and Landon Dale.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Ramonda "Jean" Platter.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday prior to the service.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Larry Barnes

ASHLEY — Larry A. Barnes, 72, of Ashley died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Barnes worked as a printer for Moore Business Forms in Angola for 31 years, retiring in 1992.

He was born July 14, 1937, in Lansing, Mich., to Earl W. and Margarete E. (Howard) Barnes. They both preceded him in death.

He married Margaret A. "Peg" Frase-Figgins on Jan. 9, 1981, in Coldwater, Mich., and she survives in Ashley.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeffry D. Barnes of Pleasant Lake, Rick L. Barnes of Hamilton and David L. and Tracy Figgins of Houston, Texas; one daughter and son-in-law, Beth E. and Paris Hasty of Auburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Brian H. and Carol Barnes of Los Osos, Calif., and Pasha and Annie Rostov of Malaysia; a sister and brother-in-law, Marsha and Tim Stewart of Mt. Juliet, Tenn.; eight grandchildren, Brad Barnes, Kara Barnes, Tina Barnes, Cory Barnes, Brennan Figgins, Sara (Jake) McGinnis, Ben (Brandi) Huth and Katie Platter; and four great-grandchildren, Rhiannon Huth, Nate Huth, Jacob McGinnis and Landon Dale.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Ramonda "Jean" Platter.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday prior to the service.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Estella Howell

WHITE OAK, N.C. — Estella Dee Howell, 77, of White Oak died Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010, at the home of a son in Carthage, N.C.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Howell was born April 2, 1932, in Napoleon, Ohio, to Clarence B. and Marguerite Irene (Bost) Routt.

Her husband, Chesley G. Howell, preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Kathy P. Cathey of Charlotte, N.C., and Karin L. Roberts of Crocker, Mo.; three sons, Kevin M. Pentico of Swedeburg, Mo., Kelly S. Howell of Carthage and Steven A. Howell of York, S.C.; two sisters, Jaine Wilhite of Sun City, Ariz., and Ann Keller of Crocker, Mo.; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a granddaughter, Kellie D. Cathey.

Funeral services will be at noon Monday at Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, N.C., with the Rev. Frank Davis officiating. Burial will be in Main Post Cemetery at Ft. Bragg.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Lois Collins

AUBURN — Lois K. (Strombeck) Collins, 84, of Auburn died Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Merle Holden officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday and from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Mark Lutheran Church in St. Joe.

Lois Collins

AUBURN — Lois K. (Strombeck) Collins, 84, of Auburn died Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010 at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Collins

Mrs. Collins was an assistant manager for Catherine's of Fort Wayne for 12 years, retiring in 1996.

She was a member of the St. Mark Lutheran Church in St. Joe. She was also an active member of the Women of the Moose Lodge 566 of Auburn and the Butler Eagles.

She was born on Nov. 24, 1925, in Auburn to Fred and Sadie (Bleeks) Reeder. They preceded her in death. She married Herman Collins on Feb. 14, 1996, in Auburn. He preceded her in death on Sept. 16, 2009.

Surviving are: two daughters and a son-in-law, Claudia S. and Douglas Winn of Auburn, and Kay L. Brown of Billings, Mont.; a son and his companion, Kyle E. Strombeck and Debra Storer of St. Joe; one step-daughter and spouse, Pennie and Tim Gitary of Auburn; one step-son and spouse, David and Randy Collins of Auburn; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her parents, first husband, Richard Strombeck, and second husband, Herman Collins, were three sisters, Lyla Reeder, Gertrude Smart, and Carrie Ames, and one brother, George Reeder.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Merle Holden officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday and 10-11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Mark Lutheran Church in St. Joe.

STAR
January 24 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Smolinske lived Democratic politics

BY DENNIS HARTKER
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KENDALLVILLE — She was one of the hundreds of thousands of women affectionately called Rosie the Riveter who worked in America's factories during World War II making munitions and equipment for the war effort.

She left her job at Uhl's Service Center in Kendallville in 1943 to work at Flint & Walling making tracer shells. This experience led to a lifetime dedicated to the labor movement and women's issues.

For nearly 60 years she championed the causes of the Democratic Party, and met many famous Democratic national politicians.

Cora Smolinske's life was serving others and she will be missed by many.

"Cora considered the Noble County Democrats to be her family, and we already miss her greatly," said Carmen Darland, Noble County and Third District Democratic Party chairwoman.

Cora Alice Smolinske, 90, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

When asked by a reporter why she went to work at Flint & Walling, Smolinske said she was more needed in local industry.

"All of the guys were going to the service. Women and guys not called to the service were the only ones left to work."

Flint & Walling has always been alongside the railroad tracks that run through downtown Kendallville.

"When a train would pass through, all the military boys would wave and holler at us inside the plant," Smolinske recalled several years ago in a News Sun special edition about working women. "You really felt you were a part of things. We were at war."

After the war Smolinske received the U.S. Navy E medal recognizing "Women on the Homefront."

She stayed at Flint & Walling until her retirement in 1995. Her beginning days in the workforce inspired her sensitivity toward working people and active involvement in the labor movement.

In 1975 Smolinske founded the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW). She was active for many years with the International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers Union, and walked the picket lines outside the Flint & Walling plant during a 12-week strike in 1968. Smolinske witnessed the signing of a union-management contract at the end of the strike that gave employees their own pension and dental plan.

She said she joined the political movement after seeing the Democratic Party consistently vote for the nation's working people.

FILE PHOTO

Former U.S. Rep. Jill Long, left, was one of the late Cora Smolinske's favorite politicians. Here Smolinske is shown with a Long at a political gathering.

"I deeply care about people," she told a reporter. "I think everyone should have an equal chance to prove themselves." Smolinske was repeatedly chosen as a delegate for the Democratic National Convention.

Smolinske served for many years as the Noble County Democratic Central Committee secretary, and registered hundreds of new voters over the years, stuffed envelopes, organized rallies and worked at party headquarters on election day. Her work on the principles fundamental to the Democratic Party spanned many decades and many elections, commented Darland.

"Her presence inspired my personal involvement and the participation of many other Democrats. At every event, Cora would be there working hard to represent working class people."

Her granddaughter Cammi Rink of Kendallville said her "Gram" was a real strong force in her life. "She'd seen and done so much in her life, and she passed her tried and true beliefs on to me. I have always trusted anything she believed in because she was too smart to be wrong."

Former five-term Democratic Kendallville Mayor John Riemke described Smolinske as one of his most loyal supporters during his 20 years in public office.

"She was very active in helping my campaigns, registering voters, canvassing, working the phone banks, taking voters to the polls. She was truly a great Democrat in her heart, and more importantly in her involvement."

Smolinske was an elected delegate to the state Democratic conventions since the 1960s. She represented the old 4th District at four Democratic National Conventions — 1976 in New York City, 1980 in New York City, 1984 in San Francisco, and 1996 in Chicago. She met Harry S. Truman, and John F. Kennedy when he was running for the presidency. She was an active supporter and a delegate for Sen. Ted Kennedy in his bid for the presidency in 1980.

In April last year she was presented with the J. Edward Roush Award for her nearly a half a century of work for the Democratic Party at the annual 3rd District Democratic Central Committee dinner.

About a year ago Rink watched President Barack Obama's inauguration on TV with her "Gram." Rink remembers both of them crying happy tears. "We were both so happy to see history in the making, both so proud to be Americans and Democrats."

In addition to Rink, Smolinske is survived by another granddaughter Angie Atteberry of Leesburg; a grandson Steve Hostler of Kendallville; great-grandchildren, Jacob Shisler, Karissa DeClue and Steven and Jenny Hostler; a great-great grandchild; a sister Esther Tjarks of LaGrange; a sister-in-law Helen Smolinske of Kendallville; and a brother-in-law Butch Webb of South Milford.

Smolinske is buried in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

STAR

January 25 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Richard Wilson

FREMONT — Richard Lee Wilson Jr., 53, died Saturday, January 23, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Wilson

Mr. Wilson was an electrician for Wolf Envelope in Angola. He was born on July 15, 1956 in Lima, Ohio, to Richard Lee Sr. and Mary Jo (Gebhart) Wilson Radcliff. He married Nancy Hancock on July 31, 1998, in Fremont.

Richard enjoyed woodworking, NASCAR, electronics, being with his grandchildren and taking walks in the park. Richard was a U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy; his mom, Ruth Wilson of Coldwater, Mich.; his mother, Mary Jo Ratcliff of Kalamazoo, Mich.; two sons and a daughter-in-law: Richard Lee Wilson III of Three Rivers, Mich., and Nicholas Eugene and Mercedes Wilson of Tekonsha, Mich.; four daughters and a son-in-law; Laura Wilson of Wichita, Kan., Hillary and Justin Gump of Butler, Tracey Robideau of Fremont and Trisha Robideau and her fiance, Corey Seafolk, of Angola; sisters Sheila Mather of Coldwater, Shirley Hauer of Kissimmee, Fla., Lois Spalding of Quincy, Mich., Lisa St. Louis of Coldwater, Cindy Saville of England, Sally Schendel of Batavia, Ill., and Linda Schalk of Kentwood, Mich; brothers Randy Wilson of Coldwater and Robert Wilson of Jackson, Mich.; and five grandchildren.

Memorial services are Thursday, January 28, 2010, at 3 p.m. at Holy Family Episcopal Church, 909 S. Darling St., Angola, with the Rev. Michael T. Fulk officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 1 p.m. to service time at the church.

Memorials are to the Faith Community Health Clinic at Holy Family Church.

Arrangements are entrusted to the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

To sign the guest book or leave condolences for Mr. Wilson, go to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Marjorie Mettert

AUBURN — Marjorie P. "Midge" Mettert, 93, of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 25, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Mettert

Mrs. Mettert had worked for Dana Corp., retiring in 1958.

She was born Nov. 10, 1916, in Montpelier, Ohio, to Jay and Ada Grear.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Joan Chavez of Auburn; two daughters, Barbara Shaffer of Grandview, Mo., and Patricia Varrios of Ligonier; a sister, Evlyn "Leb" Mettert of Auburn; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James P. Mettert; five brothers and three sisters.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Private family funeral services will be held. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to DeKalb Humane Society.

To sign the guest book or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Barry Loutzenhiser

LAGRANGE — Barry N. Loutzenhiser, 56, of LaGrange died unexpectedly Sunday, Jan. 24, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Loutzenhiser had moved to LaGrange 30 years ago from Nappanee.

He was a lab tech at Honeywell in South Bend.

Mr. Loutzenhiser was a United States Air Force veteran.

He was born May 10, 1953, in Garrett to Beryl Eugene and Imogene Mary (Crothers) Loutzenhiser. He married Geraldine Gayheart on June 12, 1982 in Stroh. Mrs. Loutzenhiser survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Angela Flores of Auburn and AnnMichelle and Stacey Hardesty of Plymouth; four grandchildren; his mother, Imogene M. Loutzenhiser of Garrett; two sisters, Sue Hurd of Garrett and Jan Early of Leo; and three brothers, Terry Loutzenhiser of Garrett, Van Loutzenhiser of Auburn and Larry Madden of Sparta, Tenn.

His father, Beryl E. Loutzenhiser, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with Pastor Michael Hamm officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange, with a military graveside service conducted by LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Elijah Haven.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Geneva Bundy

AUBURN — Geneva J. Bundy, 92, of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 25, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Bundy

She was born Dec. 22, 1917, in Logansport to William and Lillian (Royer) Keck. She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter Linda Moser in April of 2009, and a baby brother.

She worked in the Alumni Office at Findlay College in Findlay, Ohio, then for a number of years as a school teacher. She worked in the insurance office at Cooper Tire and Rubber Company in Auburn until her retirement on January 2, 1983.

She was a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church in Auburn, Toastmaster's and the Findlay College Alumni Association. She was a 1944 graduate of Findlay College. She attended Bowling Green State University and received her masters from Saint Francis College.

She married Richard L. Bundy Sr. on January 10, 1953, in Findlay, Ohio, and he survives.

She is also survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard L. and Gail Bundy Jr. of Orland, Stephen Bundy of Romona, Calif., and David and Jan Bundy of Auburn; a daughter, Deanna Bundy of Wolcottville; 12 grandchildren, James Tharpe, Larry Waldren, Jeremy Moser, Rick Goslee, Gretchen Weicht, Cody Bundy, Jaynay Yates, J.D. Moore, Shelley Bakken, Jason Bundy, Nathan Bundy and Melissa Crowl; 30 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Services are at 11 a.m. Friday, January 29, 2010, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 South Center Street, Auburn, IN. The Rev. Ted Jansen will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, IN.

Calling is Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

STAR

January 27 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Wanda Beukema

AUBURN — Wanda R. Cloyde Benya Beukema, 75, of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2010, at her home in Auburn.

No calling or services are planned at this time. Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is assisting the family with arrangements.

Herbert Donat

WATERLOO — Herbert Lee Donat, 81, died Tuesday, Jan, 26, 2010, at his home in Waterloo.

Herbert worked for Dana Corporation in Auburn for 30 years, retiring in 1988.

He was a member of DAV and the Rome City American Legion Post 381.

Herb was born in South Bend on July 3, 1928, to Cleo and Anna Gertrude (Thomas) Donat. He married Joan Days Hurd on Dec. 30, 1961. She died Nov. 16, 2006.

Surviving are two sons and three daughters, Troy and Carla Donat of Waterloo, Christine and Mark Gibson of Auburn, Gary Hurd of Fort Wayne, Karen and Randy Morton of Auburn and Sandra and Jay Kern of Waterloo; nine grandchildren, Luke Donat, Audrey Donat, Rachel Gibson, Lynsie Gibson, Erica Gibson, Isaac Gibson, Jacob Kern, Stephanie Kern and Kara Garman; and a brother and sister, Larry and Sandi Donat of Rome City and Doris and Russell Bailey of Farmland, IN.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and three brothers, Ed Donat, Cleo Donat Jr. and Richard Donat.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 30, 2010, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 South Wayne Street, Waterloo.

Burial will be in Orange Township Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is 2 hours prior to the service Saturday from noon to 2 at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to DAV or the Rome City American Legion.

Carl James

FREMONT — Carl R. James, Fremont, Indiana, passed away peacefully following a year-long battle with cancer.

Carl was born in 1924 in DeKalb County, Indiana, to Leone and George James.

Mr. James

After graduating from high school at Metz, Indiana, he joined the Navy in 1944. Carl sailed to Australia and later waded ashore in the Philippines, where as a storekeeper's mate he helped re-establish the Navy's presence at Subic Bay.

Following a stint as ship's company on the USS Samuel Chase, he hurried home to marry his high school sweetheart, Gartha Kogin.

Our father was a very practical man, and his "fix it" attitude led him to the appliance repair business, first at Frank's Department Store and later as part owner of A&K Dependable Appliance Service in Fort Wayne. For a number of years, he and his daughter, Michelle, conducted a Hereford breeding cattle business near Garrett.

Dad had a very outgoing, passionate personality and was always actively involved in his church, his community, and his family. He for many years led an adult Sunday School class at Trinity United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne, was an enthusiastic Little League coach and avid sports fan (particularly when any of his family was participating), loved to fly fish, travel, and pheasant hunt with his sons and grand children as recently as last year.

Following Gartha's death in 1996, he married Nannie Jo Crist of Largo, Florida, where they lived in the winter and on Snow Lake, Indiana, in the summer.

Carl was preceded also in death by his daughter Michelle and by his sister, Bonnie Aschleman, and two brothers, Clyde and Robert.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his two sons, Michael (Kaye) of Fort Wayne and Patrick (Barbara) of Indianapolis, seven adoring grandchildren, and a bunch of favorite nieces and nephews.

Services will be conducted at the Garrett United Methodist Church on Saturday, January 30, at 2 p.m.

Visitation will be at D.O. McComb Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, on Friday, January 29, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Memorials should be directed to the Garrett United Methodist Church's Building Fund.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Annie Manning

EDON, Ohio — Annie Elizabeth Manning, age 88, of Edon, Ohio, died at 3:15 a.m. on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, in her home surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Manning was a homemaker and an avid quilter.

She enjoyed canning, making apple butter and gardening.

Annie Elizabeth Manning was born on April 21, 1921, in McComas, West Virginia, the daughter of William Henry and Mary Jane (Spencer) Purdy. She married Charlie H. Manning on January 20, 1944, in Princeton, West Virginia, and he preceded her in death.

Mrs. Manning is survived by her children, Jimmy (Joyce) Purdy, Sr., of Auburn, Indiana, Terry (Juanita) Manning, David (Emma) Manning, and Brenda (Dick) Trausch, all of Edon, Ohio, Jalyne (Patrick) McCann, of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Vicki Mumaw, of Montpelier, Ohio; 15 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are two sisters-in-law, EllaMae Manning, of Gold Bond, Virginia, and Pearl Purdy, of Princeton, West Virginia.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her husband, were three brothers, two sisters and one great-great-grandchild, Colin Joe Burkhard.

Visitation for Annie Elizabeth Manning will be today, Friday, January 29, 2010, from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, Edon, Ohio.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 30, 2010, in the Krill Funeral Home, Edon, with Pastor Kevin Boulis and Pastor Paul Collins officiating. Interment will follow in the Edon Cemetery.

Memorials in the name of Annie Elizabeth Manning may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com

STAR
January 31 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Dedication was Roy Aaron's style

BY JIM SHILANDER
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ANGOLA — Roy Aaron was the personification of both dedication and a strong work ethic.

Aaron, who died Jan. 18, spent 51 years on the Salem Center Fire Department, much of that time running his own contracting business, and spent much of that time without the use of one arm.

"He lost it in October of 1956," wife Kathryn Aaron said. "He got into the fire department after he lost his arm. He adapted to it. He would always say that he could light a firecracker in his hook and hold onto it. 'No one else could do that,' he'd say." She said he would also be playful with it. "He was always giving guys a pinch on the butt with his hook," she noted.

After the two married in 1952, Aaron started an excavation and construction business. His son, Jim, said his father got to be friends with a good number of people through his work.

"He'd do basements, installed septic systems, he dug county ditches," Jim said. "He got to know quite a few different people doing that work with different contractors over the years.

In the early part of the '90s Aaron sold his business and went to work for the Indiana Department of Transportation, serving as district foreman in Steuben, LaGrange and Noble counties.

"He didn't have any problem doing that," Kathryn said. "It's a good bunch of guys up there."

Longtime friend Terry Bailey said despite his hard work, Aaron always had time to help someone out.

"He helped me out a lot on the farm, just as a friend," Bailey said. "After he got to the point where he'd retired, he'd be over more often."

Jim said several men came by the house at one point to convince his father to join the Salem fire department. Once he got started, it became a significant part of his life.

"Once, I remember, I was probably 11 or 12, we had a silo fire, with multiple departments called in. He spent all weekend getting people moving, trying to get a regular rotation to get the fire out," he said.

He also worked to get others involved in the department.

"I followed shortly after him," Kathryn said. "I was one of the first responders. He'd drive me out to every run."

Bailey also said he became involved in the fire company at the urging of his friend, adding, "He was very passionate. He made as many runs as he could. If there ever was something he could do, he would be there."

Jim said his father did his best to make as many runs as he could, and did his best to stay involved, even after he wasn't physically up to fighting fires. "They always needed someone to drive the truck," he said. "Later still, he'd be out bringing refreshments, or air bottles. He'd still be active in whatever he could do."

He was that way at home, too, daughter Janet Kain said.

"Dad always had a saying for everything," Kain said. "But the one he said most was 'Do as I say, not as I do.' The time I cherish the most was talking with him in Florida. He was kind of the rock of the family. I could always go to him, he was always there. You could never sneak in at night. And his hook was always an intimidator. None of my boyfriends ever wanted to come in and meet my dad."

Kathryn said her husband would even step out of some of his comfort zone when he needed to.

"Ten years ago, we took a whole month in our camper and went to Yellowstone with another couple," she recalled. "He didn't like the high mountains and narrow roads we were on, he wouldn't climb, and he hated snakes. But he enjoyed it."

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Roy Aaron served for more than 50 years with the Salem Center Volunteer Fire Department, including time spent as chief.

"He was kind of the rock of the family"

Janet Kain
Roy Aaron's daughter

David Provines

AUBURN — David Provines, 75 of Auburn died Friday Jan. 29, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Provines worked for the Auburn Foundry for 20 years, retiring in 1996. He was a member of the Auburn Nazarene Church.

He was born March 9, 1934, in Auburn to Frank and Josephine (Faylor) Provines. They preceded him in death.

He married Deanna Rohm on July 14, 1957, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jeffery Provines of Auburn, a daughter and son-in-law, Penny and Jack Pfierman of Auburn and a grandson, Causta Lewis of Auburn.

Graveside services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn with Pastor Greg Krafft officiating.

Calling will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn, 1860 South Center Street, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Auburn Nazarene Church.

Alva Rowe

GARRETT — Alva M. Rowe, 91, of Garrett, died Friday, Jan. 29, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett. There will be no services. Arrangements are by Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett.

Norbert Deuitch

GARRETT — Norbert L. Deuitch, 93, of Garrett, died Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

He was born Feb. 3, 1916, in Garrett, to Henry and Mary Loretta (Long) Deuitch.

On Oct. 8, 1937, in Garrett, he married Lois E. Burtch. She died March 6, 2001.

He was a conductor on the B&O Railroad for over 30 years.

Mr. Deuitch was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and the Garrett Eagles. He volunteered at the Garrett Recycling Center and RSVP and was a past recipient of the Garrett Citizen of the Year Award.

Surviving are a son, Nelson Deuitch of Toronto, Canada; 10 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; a daughter, Vicki Clabaugh; a son, Norman Deuitch; eight brothers, John, Richard, Robert, Carl, Walter, Donald, Bernard and Jack Deuitch; and a sister, Anna Katherine Nichols.

The funeral service will be held Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 11 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Andy Deuitch officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Feb. 2, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service Wednesday.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ in Garrett or St. Martin's Health Care Services.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit thomasfuneralhome.org.

Effiebel McCann

AUBURN — Effiebel McCann, 91, formerly of St. Joe, Ind., died Monday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Ind.

She retired from being Postmistress of St. Joe and was the oldest member of St. Mark Lutheran Church and was past president of the DeKalb County Home Extension Club.

She was born on Oct. 22, 1918, in St. Joe, Ind., to the late Glenwood and Emma Jane (Wineland) Freeburn. She married Donald R. "Abie" McCann on Nov. 28, 1934, in Auburn, Ind. He preceded her in death on April 11, 1981.

Surviving are a daughter, Sandra Krafft of St. Joe; two grandsons, Kim (Deb) Krafft of St. Joe, Ind., and Chris (Judy) Krafft of St. Joe, Ind.; four great-grandchildren, Caramee, Benjamin, Ethan and Nate; a sister, Ethel Haverstock of Salt Lake City, Utah; and a brother, Glen Freeburn Jr. of Auburn, Ind.

She was also preceded in death by a son, David R. McCann; two brothers, Richard and Charles Freeburn; and a son-in-law, William "Ben" Krafft.

Calling will be held on Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, Ind.

Services will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church in St. Joe, Ind., with Merle Holden officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe, Ind.

Memorials are to St. Mark Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 345 St. Joe, IN 46785 or St. Joe Church of Christ, P.O. Box 285 St. Joe, IN 46785.

Rhonda Jump

BUTLER — Rhonda Lea' Jump, age 45, of Butler died on Sunday, January 31, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Indiana.

She was born in Fort Wayne on September 14, 1964, to John M. and Carol E. (Blain) Jump.

Miss Jump

She graduated from Snider High School in 1982.

Rhonda was a waitress and a bookkeeper who enjoyed making other people happy.

She loved animals, listening to George Strait and country music.

Rhonda also loved watching movies, reading books and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her parents, John and Carol Jump of Turkey Lake, Hudson; her fiance, Jeff Miller of Butler; her sisters and brothers-in-law, Rene'e and Mark Wentz of New Haven, Rae' and John Hollis of Plainfield, Illinois, and Rachael and Matt Wells of Angola; nieces and nephews, Keegan, Langleigh, Dreyer, Chapin, and Quinn Wentz; Seth, Samantha, Sophie Tummillo and Sawyer See; and Gavin Schade; and her dog, Daisy and her cat, Elsie.

Visitation will be Saturday, February 6, 2010, from 2-4 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church rural Hudson with a memorial funeral service at 4 p.m.

Officiating the memorial service will be the Rev. James Elsner.

Preferred memorials may be made to Allen County SPCA,4914 Hanna St., Fort Wayne, IN 46806 or to the family.

Funeral services are in care of Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, Indiana

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Melvin Schendel

GARRETT — Melvin L. "Red" Schendel, 89, of Garrett died on Sunday, January 31, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He was born June 7, 1920 in Fairmont, MN, to Leo and Laura (Gilman) Schendel. He married Eileen L. Haffner on February 14, 1948, in Garrett and she died March 15, 2005.

Mr. Schendel

Melvin was a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force having served during WWII and the Korean Conflict. Following his discharge from the service, he became a Letter Carrier for the U.S. Postal Service where he worked for 35 years before retiring in 1980.

He then worked as a Security Guard at Auburn Gear for the past 25 years.

He was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and Garrett American Legion. He also was a Past President of the Garrett Lions Club. He was an avid Tuesday Bridge player for over 40 years.

Melvin is survived by a son and daughter in-law, Jeff and Mary Schendel of Garrett; a daughter and son in-law, Greg and Ann Cochran of Auburn; six grandsons, Beau, Bryce and Brett Schendel and Logan, Landon and Brennan Cochran; and a sister, Loretta Musser of St. Joe.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and three brothers.

The funeral service will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, with Dr. Scott Shoaff officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery, with military graveside honors by the Garrett American Legion and VFW.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2010, from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomas funeral-home.org

Hubert Reinoehl

ST. JOE — Hubert R. Reinoehl, 84, passed away at 12:10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Hubert was born on June 3, 1925, in rural Waterloo to Charlie and Mary (Benjamin) Reinoehl. He graduated from Ashley High School in 1943.

Mr. Reinoehl

Hubert was employed by Universal Tool and Stamping in Butler for 36 years as a tool and die maker, retiring in 1990.

He loved sports, especially bowling and golfing.

He was a member of the Christ Church at Butler.

Hubert married Virginia Harness on February 2, 1946, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Tonya Reinoehl of Corunna and Dennis and Leann Reinoehl of Carmel, Ind.; a daughter and son-in-law, Sheila and Carlyle Holman of St. Joe; six grandchildren, Eric and Lynn Reinoehl of Auburn, Matthew and Shaw Reinoehl of Fort Wayne, Brent Holman of Chicago, Brad and Beth Holman of St. Joe, Steve and Christine List of Carmel and Benjamin Reinoehl of Carmel; two great-grandchildren, Molly and Dax Holman; three sisters, Beth Drew of Auburn, Alice Berry of Ashley and Nina and Ray Carter of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Gene and Everett Reinoehl; and a sister, Minnie Provines.

Funeral services for Hubert Reinoehl will be Friday at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Eastside Foundation.

Condolences may be sent and a video tribute viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Emily Dingus

GARRETT — Emily Katelynn Dingus, 2 months, died at 8:20 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1, 2010, at Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis.

Private services will take place on Friday at Thomas Funeral Home with burial to follow in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to the March of Dimes.

Send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting thomasfuneral-home.org

A full obituary will be printed Thursday.

Frances Conkle

GARRETT — Frances J. Conkle, 92, of Miamisburg, Ohio, and formerly of Garrett, died at 4:21 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1, 2010, at Sycamore Glen's Healthcare Center in Miamisburg.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett with Pastor Kathy Thompson officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Altarstar United Methodist Church.

Send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting thomasfuneral-home.org

A full obituary will be printed Thursday.

Frances Conkle

GARRETT — Frances J. Conkle, 92, of Miamisburg, Ohio, and formerly of Garrett, died at 4:21 a.m Monday, Feb. 1, 2010, at Sycamore Glen's Healthcare Center in Miamisburg, Ohio.

Mrs. Conkle

Mrs. Conkle was a homemaker and member of the Altarstar United Methodist Church in rural Garrett.

She was born July 6, 1917, in Norwalk, Ohio, to Lee and Grace (Kime) Jennings. She married Kelham Conkle on Feb.13, 1938, in Dayton, Ohio. He died June 5, 2003.

Surviving are a son and daughter in-law, Frank and Donna Conkle of West Carrollton, Ohio; three daughters and sons in-law, Karen and Thomas Gibson of Los Angeles, Calif., Carol and James Lindsey of Miamisburg, Ohio, and Linda and Michael Chavez of San Antonio, Texas; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Lee Byron Jennings of Chicago, Ill.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett with Pastor Kathy Thompson officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery at Garrett.

Calling will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Altarstar United Methodist Church.

You may send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting www.thomasfuneral home.org

Emily Dingus

GARRETT — Emily Katelynn Dingus, 2 months, of Indianapolis died at 8:20 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1, 2010, at Riley's Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

She was born Nov. 10, 2009, in Indianapolis to Chester E. Dingus III and Rebecca (Bunn) Dingus. They survive in Indianapolis.

Also surviving is her twin brother, Nicholas Christian Dingus, of Indianapolis; her grandmothers, Bonnie Bunn of Acworth, Ga., and Diane Parker, Lakeland, Fla.; and her great-grandparents, Robert and Carol Sleek of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Thomas Bunn Sr. and Chester E. Dingus Jr.

Private services will take place on Friday at Thomas Funeral Home, with burial to follow in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Memorials are to the March of Dimes.

You may send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting www.thomasfuneral home.org

Stacy Wells

GARRETT — Stacy Allen Wells, 48, of Garrett, died Friday, Dec. 25, 2009, in hospice care in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wells was a truck driver.

He was born to Lennis Wells and Ida Coney on Jan. 11, 1961. His parents preceded him in death.

He is survived by three children, Cory Wells, Justin Wells and Danielle Wells; one sister, Andrea Kruse; and two brothers, Len Wells and Steve Wells.

A celebration of life will be Saturday, Feb. 6, from 3-5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1349 S. Randolph St., Garrett.

Herman Maurer

GARRETT — Herman L. Maurer, 71, of Garrett died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Maurer was a truck driver for United Technologies in Grabill for 30 years. He was also a lifetime Garrett farmer.

He was born Sept. 3, 1938, in Garrett to Oliver and Ilene (Johnson) Maurer. He married Bertha A. (Voges) Reinoehl on April 18, 1989, in Auburn. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Chad and Devon Kirkman of St. Joe; a daughter, Amy Kirkman of Butler; two stepdaughters and spouses, Susan and Brance Gibson of Auburn and Lisa and Jeff Snyder of Rome City; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Florence and Rich Outwater of Bronson, Mich., and Helen Savage of Bronson, Mich.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Paul and Elizabeth Maurer of Eagletown, Okla., and Wayne and Bonnie Maurer of Albion; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and three brothers, John Maurer, Herbert Maurer and Wilbur Maurer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the funeral service Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Chicago Shriners Hospital for Children, 2211 N. Oak Park Ave, Chicago, Il 60707-3392.

Velma Maier

FORT WAYNE — Velma J. Maier, 78, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010, at Canterbury Nursing and Rehab Center.

Mrs. Maier was a homemaker.

She was born Oct. 3, 1931, in Avilla to Walter and Lucille (Lemper) Weimer.

Surviving are her husband, Donald O. Maier; two daughters, Deb (Bruce) Christian and Donna (Mike) Pruzin; two sons, Mark (Gloria) Maier and Mike (Sue) Maier; a sister, Janet Kessler; four brothers, John (Joan) Weimer, Ron (Mary Lee) Weimer, Roger (Theresa) Weimer and David (Linn) Weimer; and 10 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Weimer.

Funeral services will be at 12:30 p.m. Monday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday prior to the service.

Private burial will be at Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice.

Robert Shearer

AUBURN — Robert "Bob" Shearer, 74, died Friday, Feb. 5, 2010, at his home in Auburn.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn with military graveside services being conducted by the U.S. Marine Corp. and the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

A full obituary will appear in Sunday's edition.

Wayne Pickney

AUBURN — Wayne R. Pinckney, 51, of Auburn died Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Lutheran Church 1801 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Lloyd A. Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church.

To sign the guest book or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington-mcomb.com.

Robert Shearer

AUBURN — Robert "Bob" Shearer, 74, died Friday, Feb. 5, 2010, at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Shearer was a 30 year member of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 166, retiring in 1995.

Mr. Shearer

He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, serving during the Korean War Conflict. He was also a long time member of the American Legion Post No. 97 of Auburn.

He was born on May 17, 1935, in Cromwell, to Edward Charles and Eva (Keister) Shearer.

He married Jeannie DeWitt on Aug. 3, 1963, in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Jason and Suzanne Shearer of Garrett, Jeff and Angela Shearer of Auburn, and Rick and Carrie Shearer of LaGrange; two daughters and a son-in-law, Laura and Brian Keith of Chapin, S.C., and Lisa Shearer of Auburn; a sister-in-law, Kay Rose Shearer of Ligonier; and 15 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Douglas Shearer and Edward Shearer.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn with military graveside services being conducted by the U.S. Marine Corp. and the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday and from 1-2 p.m. Tuesday prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the American Legion Post No. 97 of Auburn.

Eugene Sorg

KENDALLVILLE — Eugene Ronald Vincent Sorg, 74, of Kendallville, died Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 12 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville, with Pastor Mike Howard officiating.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is Wednesday, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Wayne Pickney

AUBURN — Wayne R. Pinckney, 51, of Auburn, died Thursday February 4, 2010 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He was born June 5, 1958, in Fort Wayne, the son of Lloyd and Ruthene Pinckney. They both preceded him in death.

He was a Purdue University graduate with a degree in Electrical Engineering Technology and had worked at Polaroid in the drivers license division. He also was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and a licensed Ham Radio Operator.

Survivors include a brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Patricia Pinckney of Duncan, Okla.; three nephews and their families; Kenneth and Jennifer Parker of Hampton, Va., Kristopher Parker of Choctaw, Okla., and Michael and Monica Pinckney of Austin, Texas.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday with calling one hour prior at Trinity Lutheran Church 1801 N. Main Street, Auburn; with the Reverend Lloyd A. Bickel officiating.

Visitation Monday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main Street Auburn. Burial in Roselawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church.

To sign the guest book or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington-mcomb.com.

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Former Garrett first lady had many talents

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GARRETT — "Betty was very talented," former Garrett Mayor Herb Kleeman recalls of Betty, his wife of over 57 years.

Betty died Jan. 19 at the age of 78.

From her stint as a drum majorette at Auburn High School, through years as a bookkeeper for various organizations, a mother of five and an artist, Betty Kleeman was an active woman.

She graduated from Auburn High School in 1950 and was offered a scholarship to college in Bowling Green, Ohio. However, her father did not allow her to go, daughter Deb Kleeman recalled.

Instead, she stayed in DeKalb County and, in May 1951, went on a blind date with Herb Kleeman — to a White Sox game in Chicago. The pair were married March 2, 1952.

Herb Kleeman later served as mayor of Garrett and, although Betty supported his work, she did not want to be called the "First Lady," Herb said.

"That was one part of my life she was never in favor of," he said with a laugh.

"She never wanted to sit at the front table" at events, Deb Kleeman remembered. "She would say, 'Don't make me ride in the parade.'"

Betty Kleeman made bookkeeping her life. She spent 10 years working at Auburn State Bank as a bookkeeper and teller, and set up and managed the W-M Employees Federal Credit Union for 19 years as treasurer-manager. Deb Kleeman said she still goes into the credit union and once told a teller, "I can remember when this credit union started, and all the books were on our kitchen table."

"She kept it in order," Herb Kleeman said. "She never got a reprimand of any kind."

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Betty Kleeman poses with her husband, former Garrett mayor Herb Kleeman. Mrs. Kleeman died Jan. 19.

She also was the 401(k) trustee for Electric Motors employees for 12 years, helped set up the books for her brother-in-law's business in Montpelier, Ohio, and kept the financial records while Zion Lutheran Church was working on a building project.

"That was the bean-counter part in her," Deb Kleeman said.

Betty Kleeman was "wonderful" to her family, Herb Kleeman said, but, like in her work, "she was very disciplined. There was a right way to do it, and a wrong way."

"She was the supervisor," Deb Kleeman said. "She was the ultimate supervisor."

Deb remembers a time her parents went on vacation to South Carolina, and Betty left strict instructions for her three sons to get rid of the family's garage.

"The boys had to make sure it was gone by the time they got back," she said.

Her mother was fair and thoughtful, too, Deb added.

"She put a lot of things ahead of herself," she said.

But Betty Kleeman also had another passion — art. She painted, made stained-glass windows and knitted, and also enjoyed tending to the decorative backyard pond at the family's home at 402 S. Randolph St. Many of her projects are still in homes around DeKalb County. Deb Kleeman, who works in a local doctor's office, had a patient give her mother a painting the patient had found.

"They're still around," Deb said. "She was very artistic. She had that eye, or that talent."

Irene Worthington

FORT MYERS, Fla. — E. Irene Worthington, 80, of Fort Myers, Fla., and formerly of Angola, Ind., died Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mrs. Worthington

She was born Oct. 25, 1929, in Montgomery, Mich., to Sylvia and Meredith Groshon. She married Olin E. Worthington on Feb. 12, 1949. He preceded her in death on Dec. 9, 2008.

She worked as a waitress at the Captain's Cabin, Angola. She was a graduate of the Montgomery High School, Montgomery. She was a member of the Moose Lodge and the Elks Lodge. She enjoyed the lake and boating.

Surviving are two sons, Doug and Marsha Worthington of Fort Wayne and Dave and Patty Worthington of Auburn, Ind.; grandchildren: Amy and Brad Saleik, Joel and Kristy Worthington, Jonathan and Jessica Worthington, Jamie and Josh Beck, and Josh Worthington; seven great-grandchildren; and one sister, Ruth and Jim Esterline of Montgomery.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. today, Feb. 8, 2010 at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, Ind. Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010, at the funeral home with the Rev. Russ Abel officiating. Burial will be at Fremont Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, 6316 Mutual Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome .com.

Polly Padilla

WATERLOO — Polly D. Padilla, 38, of Waterloo, died Friday, February 5, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Miss Padilla

She was born November 30, 1971, in Auburn, the daughter of Linzie O. and Ethel Goodman. She was the office manager at BKC Group and enjoyed spending time bowling with her family.

She is survived by her mother, Ethel Goodman of Auburn; daughter, Alycia Padilla of Waterloo; son, Derek Padilla of Waterloo; companion, Andy Kennedy and his children Scott, Tucker and Lindy Kennedy all of Auburn; sisters- and brothers- in law, Tamera and Jeff Murphy of Garrett, Shelly Goodman of Auburn and Melody and Bob Harmon of Auburn; brothers, Linzie O. Goodman Jr. of Fort Wayne and Kevin Goodman of Waterloo; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Linzie O. Goodman Sr., and a great niece, Khloe Clark.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday with visitation one hour prior at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Visitation will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials to the family to further her children's education.

To sign the guest book, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Rachel Akey

BUTLER — Rachel A. Akey, 50, died Monday, Feb. 8, 2010, at her home.

She was a graduate of Eastside High School and the former owner of the Butler Eat'n Haus Restaurant and the Covered Bridge Restaurant in Spencerville.

She was born Sept. 4, 1959, in Hicksville, Ohio, to John and Genevieve (Hankey) Lapp.

Mrs. Akey

Rachel married Dean Akey on Dec. 11, 1982, in Hicksville, Ohio. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Andrea and Sara Akey, both of Butler; her father, John Lapp of Butler; two sisters, Vicki Ramsdell of Auburn and Chris Snyder of Butler; a brother, John Lapp of Hamilton; and her in-laws, Wilbur and Gladys Akey of St. Joe.

She was preceded in death by her mother.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Sara Akey College Fund.

Condolences may be sent and a video tribute viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com

Rachel Akey

BUTLER —The location of the funeral service for Rachel A. Akey has been changed.

Services will now be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Christ's Church in Butler. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday from 3-7 p.m. at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler.

Rachel A. Akey, 50, died Monday, Feb. 8, 2010, at her home.

Condolences may be sent and a video tribute viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com

STAR
February 10 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Karl Starkey

. WATERLOO — Karl Starkey, 91, of Waterloo died Monday, Feb. 8, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

He was born in Ohio on Dec. 6, 1918, to Pat and Gladys (Orr) Starkey.

Karl was an engineer for the B & O and CXS Railroads for 40 years before retiring in 1982.

He was a U.S. Army WWII veteran and was a member of the Butler American Legion Post 202 and the Waterloo VFW.

He married Betty Rae Rynearson and she died in 1997.

He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Julie Starkey of Auburn and Jim and Connie Starkey of Elkhart; two grandchildren, Jeffery Starkey of Indianapolis and Jennifer Starkey of Harrogate, Tenn.; a nephew, Donn (Connie) Starkey; a niece, Jo Ellen (Mark) Heindselman; great-nephews; Aaron, Tyler and Jason; and great-nieces, Carly and Lindsey.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and a brother, Bill Starkey.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 13, 2010, at Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo, Ind. The Rev David Mathews will officiate and Butler American Legion Post 202 will conduct military graveside honors. There will be no calling.

Memorials can be directed to Butler American Legion Post 202 or Waterloo VFW c/o their honors detail.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Russell Hicks

WAWAKA — Russell Nelson Hicks, age 75 of Wawaka died on Wednesday, February 10, 2010, in his Wawaka home.

He was born in Caretta, West Virginia, on December 8, 1934, to the late Ruben High and Sally Melinda (Pearson) Hicks.

Mr. Hicks

He served his country in the United States Army during the Korean conflict from 1951 to 1955.

He married Dorothy Mae Ridenour on September 9, 1962, in Nolan, West Virginia. She survives in Wawaka.

Mr. Hicks last worked at Ternat Metal Finishing in Avilla and retired from there in March 2009.

Prior to that he worked at Lane, Newnam and Dalton Foundry in Kendallville and the Auburn Foundry in Auburn.

Mr. Hicks loved to serve the Lord and he and his wife attended the Full Gospel Revival Center in Rome City.

Mr. Hicks enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening and motorcycle riding. More than anything he loved to spend time with his family and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Hicks of Wawaka; five daughters, Kathleen Hicks Simpkins of Kendallville, Barbara Hicks Harrington of Waterloo, Thelma Melinda Hicks of Wolcottville, Amy Sue Davis of Louisville, Kentucky, and Amanda Kay and Alan Zimmerman of Goshen; a son, Ronnie Lee and Teresa Hicks of Brimfield; 15 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and a brother-in-law, R.S. VanHoose Sr. of Williamson, West Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Ronnie's twin, Lonnie D. Hicks who died April 4, 1963; a son, Russell Jr. who died June 26, 1968; four brothers, Uyless, Dallas Sr., Warren and Robert Hicks; and a sister, Thelma VanHoose.

Visitation will be Friday, February 12, 2010, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Full Gospel Revival Center in Rome City.

Funeral services will be Saturday, February 13, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Full Gospel Revival Center, Rome City.

Officiating the funeral service will be Willie Collins and Ergil Calhoun.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, Indiana.

Casketbearers will be Rod Elkins, Alan Zimmerman, Jonathan Newell, Adam Zimmerman, Scottie Jacobs, Matthew Slabaugh and Michael Newell.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Frances Hoyer

AUBURN — Frances D. Erwin Hoyer, 90, of Auburn died at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Hoyer

Mrs. Hoyer had been employed at Rieke Corp. for 20 years.

She was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ, Bible Study Club of Hudson, Mt. Zion Methodist Ladies Aid and Modern Woodmen of America.

She was born Dec. 4, 1910, in Pleasant Lake to Brownie and Nettie (Myers) Grate. Her first husband, Clair E. Erwin died in 1976 and her second husband Paul T. Hoyer died in 1998.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Herschel and Beverly Erwin of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Philip Wren of Fort Wayne; a brother, Harold Grate of Corunna; four stepsons, Richard Hoyer, Donald Hoyer, Jack Hoyer and James Hoyer; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Hilda Tritch, and a granddaughter.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson with Joe Heins officiating.

Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery at Pleasant Lake.

Calling will be after 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the staff at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Condolences may be sent online to johnson@bnin.net.

Dorothy Contadellucci

AUBURN — Dorothy M. Contadellucci, 75, of Auburn died at 7:12 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Contadellucci had worked at Betz Nursing Home for eight years and had been a dog groomer for 20 years.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, the Garrett America Legion Auxiliary and the Auburn Moose Lodge.

She was born May 4, 1934, in Garrett to Earl and Margaret Burniston. She married Anthony J. Contadellucci in 1986 in Hawaii and he died Oct. 7, 2005.

She is survived by three sons, Jackie and Gloria Rottger and Steve Rottger, all of Auburn, and Daniel Rottger of Garrett; six grandchildren; two brothers, Walter Burniston of Auburn and Ray Burniston of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Ilo Frankhouser of Fort Wayne.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Jim, Joe, Chuck and Bob Burniston; and a sister, Mary Burniston Rottger.

There will be no visitation or services.

Burial will take place at a later date in Tamarack Cemetery in rural Auburn.

Memorials are to the Garrett American Legion.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

You may send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting: www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Russell Hicks

WAWAKA — Russell Nelson Hicks, age 75, of Wawaka died on Wednesday, February 10, 2010, in his Wawaka home.

He was born in Caretta, West Virginia, on December 8, 1934, to the late Ruben High and Sally Melinda (Pearson) Hicks.

He served his country in the United States Army during the Korean conflict from 1951 to 1955.

He married Dorothy Mae Ridenour on September 14, 1962, in Nolan, West Virginia. She survives in Wawaka.

Mr. Hicks last worked at Ternat Metal Finishing in Avilla and retired from there in March 2009.

Prior to that he worked at Lane, Newnam and Dalton Foundry in Kendallville and the Auburn Foundry in Auburn.

Mr. Hicks loved to serve the Lord and he and his wife attended the Full Gospel Revival Center in Rome City.

Mr. Hicks enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening and motorcycle riding. More than anything he loved to spend time with his family and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Hicks of Wawaka; five daughters, Kathleen Hicks Simpkins of Kendallville, Barbara Hicks Harrington of Waterloo, Thelma Melinda Hicks of Wolcottville, Amy Sue Davis of Louisville, Kentucky, and Amanda Kay and Alan Zimmerman of Goshen; two sons, Ronnie Lee and Teresa Hicks of Brimfield and Ruben and Sandra Hicks of Kendallville;15 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and a brother-in-law, R.S. VanHoose Sr. of Williamson, West Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Ronnie's twin, Lonnie D. Hicks who died April 4, 1963; a son, Russell Jr. who died June 26, 1968; four brothers, Uyless, Dallas Sr., Warren and Robert Hicks; and a sister, Thelma VanHoose.

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Funeral services will be Saturday, February 13, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Full Gospel Revival Center, Rome City.

Officiating the funeral service will be Willie Collins and Ergil Calhoun.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, Indiana.

Casketbearers will be Rod Elkins, Alan Zimmerman, Jonathan Newell, Adam Zimmerman, Scottie Jacobs, Matthew Slabaugh and Michael Newell.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Thomas Appleman

HAMILTON — Thomas E. Appleman Jr., 76, of Hamilton died Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Appleman worked for the Gerlinger and Scheuder Electronic, Appliance and Parts Warehouse in Fort Wayne for 32 years. Then for the past 13 years, he has been the owner and operator of Appleman Electronic and Appliance in Auburn.

Mr. Appleman

He was a member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club and a former member of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 566 of Auburn and the Auburn Jaycees.

He was born Jan. 18, 1934, in Delaware, Ohio, to Thomas E. Appleman Sr. and Catherine (Smith) Appleman. They both preceded him in death.

He married Judith A. Boger on Oct. 16, 1954, in Auburn, and she survives in Hamilton.

Also surviving are three sons, Todd E. Appleman of Hollywood Hills, Calif., Chad E. Appleman of Fort Wayne, and Joshua A. Appleman of Orville, Ohio; and his beloved dog, Jessie.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Jeff Alexander officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society or the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Frances Hoyer

AUBURN — Frances D. Erwin Hoyer, 90, of Auburn died at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Hoyer had been employed at Rieke Corp. for 20 years.

She was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ, Bible Study Club of Hudson, Mt. Zion Methodist Ladies Aid and Modern Woodmen of America.

Mrs. Hoyer

She was born Dec. 4, 1919, in Pleasant Lake to Brownie and Nettie (Myers) Grate. Her first husband, Clair E. Erwin, died in 1976, and her second husband, Paul T. Hoyer, died in 1998.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Herschel and Beverly Erwin of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Philip Wren of Fort Wayne; a brother, Harold Grate of Corunna; four stepsons, Richard Hoyer, Donald Hoyer, Jack Hoyer and James Hoyer; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Hilda Treesh, and a granddaughter.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson with Joe Heins officiating.

Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery at Pleasant Lake.

Calling will be after 11 a.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the staff at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Condolences may be sent online to johnson@bnin.net.

Dwight Sebert

BUTLER — Dwight L. Sebert, 91, died Thursday, February 11, at his home in Auburn.

He was born on January 6, 1919, in Corunna to George and Evelyn Draper Sebert.

Dwight served in the U.S. Army during World War II with the 64th Medical Regiment.

He worked for the Standard Oil Company, retiring after 27 years of service.

Dwight was also the retired owner of Sebert Oil Company, a member of the Butler United Methodist Church and the Butler American Legion Post 202.

Mr. Sebert

He served on the Butler City Council, the Butler and DeKalb Eastern School Boards, and was a Republican state delegate.

He married Iris Pontius on October 11, 1941, in Covington, Kentucky. She preceded him in death on April 30, 2001. He married Wava Schmidt Brandon on September 17, 2003. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Ellen and Dr. Robert Denney of Newport, North Carolina; Janet and Rick Everhart of Butler; and Diane Smith of Remington, Indiana; a son Michael Sebert of Butler; a sister Leah Hager of Leo; five stepchildren: Dr. Larry Brandon of Springfield, Illinois, Nancy Fike of Angola, Barbara Ault of South Bend, Indiana, John Brandon of Clarksfield, Minnesota, and Timothy Brandon of LaOtto; 10 grandchildren, Douglas Denney, Angela Kirk, Katherine Batchelor, Amy Bradburn, Rory Sebert, Randy Sebert, Adam Everhart, Ashley Everhart, Scott Smith and Derek Smith; 16 stepgrandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers, Wayne, Ralph, Kenneth, Park, Robert, and Ward Sebert; and a stepdaughter Dana Smith.

Visitation will be at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, from 3-8 p.m. on Monday.

Funeral services for Dwight Sebert will be Tuesday at 11 a.m., with visitation one hour prior at the Butler United Methodist Church with Pastor Kevin Marsh officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery with military honors by the Butler American Legion.

Preferred memorials are to the Butler United Methodist Church or DeKalb Hospice.

Beverly Kennedy

AUBURN — Beverly E. Kennedy, 78, of Auburn died Friday, Feb. 12, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born May 28, 1931, in Helmer, Ind., to Warren A. and Wava (Fifer) Deetz. She was preceded in death by her parents and a son Rodney E. Kennedy who died in August of 2002.

She was a homemaker, a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church and the Maxine Circle of the church.

She married Raymond Kennedy on Sept. 11, 1949, in her parent's home and he survives.

She is also survived by a daughter in law, Sharon Kennedy of Auburn; grandchildren, Aaron (Heather) Kennedy of Auburn, and Kelly (John) Richie of Avilla; great grandchildren, Allyssa Richie, Jonathon Richie, Ava Kennedy and Cole Kennedy.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, Ind. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Susan Lipscomb

KENDALLVILLE — Susan Kay Lipscomb, 52, of Kendallville died Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lipscomb was born in Warsaw on Oct. 25, 1957, to Darrel and Ilah Kay (Roberts) Grindle. She married Carl F. Burkhart who died Dec. 16, 2003. She later married Gary Lee Lipscomb on Sept. 16, 2005 at Cobblestone Golf Course near Kendallville.

Mrs. Lipscomb

She was employed with DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn in the billing department. Sue was also an active volunteer working with Parkview Noble Hospice in Kendallville.

She was a very involved member of the Grace Christian Church in Kendallville, and she loved gardening both flowers and vegetables. Sue loved baking and spending time with her grandkids and her pets.

Survivors include: her husband, Gary Lipscomb of Kendallville; her mother, Ilah (Roberts) and Darrell Mort of Columbia City; her father, Darrel and Nadine Grindle of Warsaw; a daughter, Gay Anna and Nathan Mosley of Kendallville; a daughter, Nannette and Chris Chambless of Churubusco; a son, Nathan and Nessa Burkhart of Kendallville; a daughter, Elaine Allen of Fort Wayne, a daughter, Rabeca Mobley of Wolcottville; a son, Cliffton and Lacey Burkhart of Albion; a son, Mike and Sarah Lipscomb of Mongo; 20 grandchildren; a brother, Dennis and Jill Mort of Columbia City; a brother, Tony Grindle of Cromwell; a sister, Beth and Mark Didier of Fort Wayne; a sister, Tammy and Rod Hunsburger of Warsaw; and a sister, Hope Everly of Bryan, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by her grandson, baby Mobley, who died in March of 2006.

Services will be Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010 at 11 a.m. at Grace Christian Church, corner of Mitchell and State streets in Kendallville with Pastor Nathan Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be Monday, Feb. 15, 2010, from 4-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials may be made to the church.

A video tribute may be viwed by Monday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is charge of services.

STAR
February 14 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Her talents touched many lives

BY DENNIS HARTKEN
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KENDALLVILLE — Her late husband once said of Julia Atz: "Music is her life."

Whether she was playing the organ for Trinity Church United Methodist worship services, leading the church choir, organizing and leading the Noble County Concert Association for 35 years, providing the piano accompaniment for East Noble Theatre for 20 years or singing herself, Mrs. Atz loved creating beautiful music.

"She viewed music opportunities as a strength of the community and sought bringing in live entertainment as personal enrichment for everyone," said Harold Sollenberger, Noble County Concert Association president.

Her talents touched so many lives.

Julia LaNea Atz, 86, of Kendallville, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010.

She was the organist for Trinity for more than 40 years and its choir director.

"She spent tireless hours practicing and playing the organ, leading the choir and helping other musical groups and ensembles over the years," said Pastor Scott Pattison. "She not only strived for quality for herself, but she pushed those she served with to strive and reach for it as well."

Mrs. Atz was serious about her music, but she also had a playful side, according to Pattison. On Super Bowl Sunday 2007 the church had a Super Bowl-themed worship service. Members of the congregation were invited to wear jerseys or apparel of their favorite teams, he recalled. Knowing this may not be "appropriate" (one of Julia's favorite words), Pattison wondered how she would respond. Julia arrived for the service proudly wearing her Northwestern University jersey. "We all enjoyed a good laugh," he said.

Mrs. Atz was a permanent fixture in the early days of East Noble Theatre, said director Craig Munk.

"This community-minded lover of music gave East Noble Theatre endless hours of talent and skill as she worked with theater students, production staff and the pit orchestras," he said. "She probably gave more volunteer hours to East Noble Theatre than any other person in this community."

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Julia Atz is shown performing at the keyboard.

Munk recalls the time when Gaslight Playhouse Theatre was performing the musical "Mame" in a leaky Floral Hall. "It was raining so hard that Julie played the show with an umbrella being held over her head and over the piano," he said.

Sollenberger and concert association members Nancy Miller and Sharon Stark, who were part of the original concert organization forming group that Mrs. Atz began, agreed Mrs. Atz was passionate about her music and doing everything well.

"Julia was so well organized, concise and thorough, as well as dependable, honest and gracious," they said. "She saw her dream of a community arts program realized and maintained in Noble County."

With her beloved husband, John, Julia was named Co-Citizen of the Year in 2000 by the Kendallville Area Chamber of Commerce for her many contributions to the arts in the Kendallville community.

She was born in Goshen on Sept. 23, 1923, to Orlin J. and Eva Louise (Kesler) Schrock. She graduated from Goshen High School in 1941, and then graduated from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., in 1945 with a bachelor's degree in music education.

She married John Albert Atz on Sept. 14, 1947, in Goshen, and he preceded her in death on March 20, 2006.

Mrs. Atz taught fourth grade at Parkside Elementary in Goshen from 1945 to 1947. After moving to Kendallville, she served as a music teacher at several local schools including Wayne Center Elementary, Kendallville Central Middle School and East Noble High School for about 15 years.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Theresa Atz of Kendallville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Deborah Fagas of Fort Wayne and Catherine and Fred Kreigh of Kendallville; four grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Orlin J. and Mildred Schrock of Goshen.

Mrs. Atz is buried in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Melissa Romine

ANGOLA — Melissa Sue Romine, 25, of Angola, Indiana, passed away Sunday, February 14, 2010.

Miss Romine

She was born August 1, 1984, to David and Roxanne (Van) Romine in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, Indiana.

She worked at McDonald's in Angola. She loved her job and cared about treating her customers right.

Missy is survived by her parents David and Roxanne (Van) Romine of Lake James, Angola, Indiana; and her brother, Josh Romine of Findlay, Ohio. Also surviving are her grandparents, Cork and Sue (Quaintance) Van of Lake James, Angola, Indiana ,and Duane and Juanita (Slinker) Rose of Angola, Indiana, along with many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Missy is preceded by her grandfather whom she never met, Richard Louis "Dick" Romine, who passed away in 1966.

Missy loved her family and friends. She also loved cooking, her art, jewelry and fashion. She will be missed by everyone.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, February 17, 2010, at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, Indiana, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating.

Burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery, Steuben County, Indiana.

Visitation will be from noon till 1p.m., one hour before the service.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.weichtfh.com

Arrangements are being handled by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, Indiana.

Nelson Pankop

CORUNNA — Nelson C. Pankop, 55, of Corunna died at 11:29 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Pankop had retired from Kraft Foods in Kendallville.

He was a 1971 graduate of DeKalb High School.

He was born March 1, 1954, in Auburn to Harold and Doris (Imhoff) Pankop.

Surviving are his father, Harold Pankop of Corunna; his mother, Doris Fairchild of West Unity, Ohio; two sons, Adam W. Pankop of Corunna and Daniel L. Pankop of Corunna; a brother, Norman Pankop of Celina, Ohio; two sisters, Sheila Oppel of South Carolina and Leatha Fairchild of Butler; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson with Pastor Craig Burkolder officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Myrtle Hornett

AUBURN — Myrtle J. "Bessie" Hornett, 81, of Auburn died Monday, February 15, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Hornett

Mrs. Hornett worked for the Rieke Corporation for over 25 years, retiring in 1998.

Bessie spent countless weekends at her home on Marble Lake in Michigan often joined by her family in many outdoor activities. The whole family made yearly trips to Canada where they enjoyed fishing and boating together. She loved baking and sharing it with other people, but her true passion was her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn.

She was born on June 13, 1928, in Spencerville to Henry and Louise (Palmer) Bry.

She married Charles Hornett Jr. on September 21, 1947, in Auburn. They where loving companions until he passed away on November 13, 1991.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sandra S. Smith of Auburn, and Patty A. and Chuck Dunahay of Elida, Ohio; one sister, Virginia Finley of Auburn; four grandchildren, Matt Smith and his companion Diane Zolman, Christy Smith, Nicole Sholler, and Nathan and Brittany Dunahay; and five great-grandchildren, Cain Smith, Scarlett Smith, Gage Everidge, Laine Middleton and Wade Sholler.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; three brothers, Sam Bry, Edward Bry and Charles Bry; and two sisters, Mildred Shoudel, and Helen Kaiser.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will take place in the Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday and from 10-11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association or the America Cancer Society.

Jack Korte

FORT WAYNE — Jack E. Korte, 68, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Promise Ministries, 7323 Schwartz Road.

Calling will be from 1-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the church and one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Promise Ministries or Camp Lutherhaven.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville is in charge or arrangements.

Nelson Pankop

CORUNNA — Nelson C. Pankop, 55, of Corunna died at 11:29 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Pankop had retired from Kraft Foods in Kendallville.

He was a 1971 graduate of DeKalb High School.

He was born March 1, 1954, in Auburn to Harold and Doris (Imhoff) Pankop.

Surviving are his father, Harold Pankop of Corunna; his mother, Doris Fairchild of West Unity, Ohio; two sons, Adam W. Pankop of Corunna and Daniel L. Pankop of Corunna; a brother, Norman Pankop of Celina, Ohio; two sisters, Sheila Oppel of South Carolina and Leatha Fairchild of Butler; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, David C. Pankop in 2003 and Phillip W. Pankop in 1979.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson with Pastor Craig Burkolder officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

James Carper

AUBURN — James H. Carper, 82, of Auburn died Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Carper worked for the City National Bank of Auburn for 38 years, serving as CEO and president since 1966. He retired in 1989.

Mr. Carper

He was a veteran of the United States Navy serving during World War II.

He was a graduate of Auburn High School and Wabash College.

He was a member and former elder of the Auburn Presbyterian Church. He was a member, past director and volunteer of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.

Mr. Carper was also a member of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn, Auburn Elks, Auburn Moose Lodge, Auburn Masonic Lodge, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, and the Mizpah Shrine. He was a past board member of the Meridian Insurance Company in Indianapolis and a former member of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Foundation Board.

He was born May 20, 1927, in Auburn, to Hugh and Huldah (Miller) Carper. They both preceded him in death.

He married Wanda Byerly on October 17, 1954, in Fort Wayne. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Teresa Carper of Charlotte, MI; three daughters and sons-in-law, Joanne and Michael Cline of Indianapolis, Judy Carper of Auburn, and Jamie and Jay Danielsen of Novi, MI; one sister, Elizabeth Weinert of Auburn; five grandchildren and their spouses, Sara and Bruce Bell, Emily and Zachary Sauder, Jennifer Danielsen, Evan Danielsen, and Rob Cline; and four great-grandchildren, Bruce, Jon, Elizabeth, and Anna.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Auburn Presbyterian Church, 111 West Twelfth St., Auburn, with the Rev. Lyle Ewing officiating.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Thursday at the Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the Auburn Presbyterian Church, Youth For Christ, or a charity of the donor's choice.

a cousin, Linda Perkins of Sturgis, Mich.; two good friends, Suzanne O'Connor of Maine and Nancy Jackson of Traverse City, Mich.; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Ken Weaver of the Presbyterian Church in LaGrange officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery at Howe.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society or ARK Animal Rescue & Adoption Inc.

Online condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Gail Wilcoxson

AUBURN — Gail E. Wilcoxson, 62, died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010, at his home in rural Auburn.

Mr. Wilcoxson was currently working for the Messenger Corp. in Auburn where he has been employed for the past 45 years.

He was a veteran of the United States Air Force serving during the Vietnam War.

He was a 1965 graduate of Auburn High School.

He was born on July 4, 1947, in Fort Wayne, to Carl W. and Gladys L. (Shoudel) Wilcoxson.

He is survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Wayne and Audra Wilcoxson of Auburn; two aunts, Ruby Yoder of Huntertown and Marian Shoudel of Leo; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five aunts, and five uncles.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Ken Conrad officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday prior to the funeral service.

Memorials may be directed to the NATMUS Diner Restoration Fund.

Donald Payton

LEESBURG, Fla. — Donald Lee Payton, 71, of Leesburg, Fla., and formerly of Auburn and Garrett, died Friday, Feb. 12, 2010, in Leesburg.

A memorial service will be held at AMVETS Post No. 1992, 32201 Amvets Way, Mt. Dora, Fla., March 8 at 2:00 p.m.

Dorothy Werkheiser

GARRETT — Dorothy Jean Werkheiser, 77 of Garrett died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010.

Miss Werkheiser taught school for many years in Garrett.

She was a member of the Corunna Methodist Church and the Indiana Retired Teachers Association.

Miss Werkheiser was an active volunteer for the DeKalb County Council on Aging.

She was born Dec. 26, 1932. in Auburn. Her parents, Harold Raymond and Mary Margaret (Manrow) Werkheiser, preceded her in death.

She is survived by a brother and sister in-law, Harold and Judy Werkheiser of Garrett; two nieces and two nephews.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, with the Rev. Howard Compton officiating. Burial will follow in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Council On Aging.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Mildred Webb

BUTLER — Mildred I. Webb, 80, formerly of Butler died Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010, at Transitional Health Services of Fremont, Mich.

Mrs. Webb retired from Crane Edmund and Edgerton Metals.

She was born July 29, 1929, in DeKalb County to Gordon and Mary (Clark) Collins. She married Donald Webb on Aug. 25, 1948, in Butler. He preceded her in death on Dec. 28, 1990.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Rex and April Webb of Butler, Rick Webb of Fort Wayne and Roger and Maria Webb of Homestead, Fla.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Rita and LeRoy Sleesman of Bryan, Ohio, Rosanne and Jake Reas of Hesperia, Mich., and Rebecca and David Crody of Cotpaxi, Colo.; a sister, Alice Holman of Angola; a brother, Donald Collins of Ney, Ohio; 18 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four sisters, Mabel Poole, Edith Johnston, Lenore Trausch and Naomi Fields, and a brother, Harold Collins.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery at Hamilton.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's research.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Shane Terry

LAGRANGE — Shane A. Terry, 33, of LaGrange died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Terry

Mr. Terry was a factory worker.

He attended One Truth Christian Outreach in Ashley.

He was born Dec. 30, 1976, in Post, Texas.

Surviving are his wife, Carmen (DiGirolamo) Terry of Kendallville; two daughters, Haylee Terry of Kendallville and Emma Terry of Stroh; a son, Noah Terry of Stroh; two stepsons, Jaden DiGirolamo of Kendallville and Jared DiGirolamo of Kendallville; his father and mother, Rodney and Marilyn (Day) Terry of LaGrange; his biological father and stepmother, Jerry and Linda Pearson of Corunna; two sisters, Amy Rathbun of Fort Wayne and Alexandria Pearson of Corunna; and five brothers, Jerry Pearson Jr. of LaGrange, James Pearson of LaGrange, Scott Pearson of LaGrange, Jacob Pearson of Corunna and Dylan Terry of Stroh; his grandfather, Robert Day of Florida; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services will be at 5 p.m. Saturday in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with Pastor Paul Slone of One Truth Christian Outreach officiating. Burial will be private.

Calling will be from 3-5 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Wilma Helmer

AVILLA — Wilma Margaret Helmer, age 80, died suddenly on Friday, February 19, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was born on November 5, 1929, in Avilla, and was the daughter of Raymond and Gertrude (Neubauer) Fischer.

Mrs. Helmer

Mrs Helmer was a lifetime Avilla resident and graduated from Avilla High School in 1947.

On May 6, 1950, she married Philip Charles Helmer at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. He died on August 9, 2002.

Mrs. Helmer was a very active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, working as a secretary there for 10 years, and for many years served as the church organist. She was a member of the Rosary Society, and American Legion Post 240 in Avilla.

Mrs. Helmer also worked as a waitress at the St. James restaurant for 10 years.

She enjoyed playing the organ, shopping and loved spending time with her grandchildren. She was a wonderful wife and mother.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-laws, David and Cindy Helmer and Tony and Nancy Helmer, all of Avilla; a daughter, Mary Hicov of Auburn; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and her twin sister, Velma Carteaux of Auburn.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a brother, James Fischer.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, February 22, 2010, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Calling is also one hour prior to the funeral on Monday.

Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

To send online condolences, please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Carrie Kline

KENDALLVILLE — Carrie Rose Kline, 84, of Kendallville, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2010, at 10:45 p.m. in Kendallville Manor HealthCare Center, Kendallville.

Mrs. Kline

Mrs. Kline had worked at A&P Foods, Food Town, Rogers, and Maloley grocery stores. She retired from the meat department of Maloley Brothers on April 30, 1981.

She graduated from Garrett High School in 1944. She was active in Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority and enjoyed being an Alumni of Garrett High and attending the class reunions.

She attended Wayne Center Methodist Church, Kendallville. She was a charter member of the Charm and Chatter Home Extension Club and held several offices. Mrs. Kline enjoyed traveling, playing euchre at the Youth Center, and attending grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's activities. She was a member of the Solo Club.

She was an excellent cook and enjoyed serving. She loved spending time with family and friends, and will always be remembered for her wonderful smile and how beautiful she looked in the color pink.

She was born March 16, 1925, in Garrett to George F. and Ione (Squires) Schulthess. She married Robert Barker Kline on Nov. 2, 1945, in Garrett. He preceded her in death on Nov. 16, 1994, after 49 years of marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Kline had farmed several years at their Schoolhouse Road residence.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Jayne and Don Olsen of Moffat, Colo., Connie and Terry Helmer of LaGrange and Judy and Bob Bollinger of Kendallville; one son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Karla Kline of Kendallville; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Scott and Michelle Olsen of Moffat, Jon and Nikki Olsen of Auburn, Kasey and Micah Findley of South Whitley, Michelle and Glenn Wright of Kendallville, Cori and Rob Yoder of LaGrange, Matt Bollinger of Kendallville, Arin and Ben Shaffer of Auburn, and Jason and Hillary Kline of Angola; 12 great-grandchildren, Kyle Olsen and Kaytlin Olsen both of Moffat, Ryan Olsen of Auburn, Cole Findley and Mikayla Findley, both of South Whitley, Taylor Wright and Dalton Wright, both of Kendallville, Charlie Yoder and Carigan Yoder, both of LaGrange, Selah Bollinger and Lincoln Bollinger, both of Kendallville, and William Robert Kline of Angola; and one sister and brother-in-law, Martha and Emmett Lovett of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Peggy Jo Kline; three sisters, Dorothy Warford-Vasquez, Jane Grube, and Mildred Delong; and a brother Robert Schulthess.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State St., Kendallville, with Pastor Sherry Long of Wayne Center Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Honorary casketbearers will be Scott Olsen and Dick Warford.

Active casketbearers will be Jon Olsen, Matt Bollinger, Jason Kline, Bill Lovett, Tim Grube, Dan Grube and Paul Grube.

Calling will be Monday from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Kendallville Manor HealthCare Center outdoor family area.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Cyrus Johnson

AUBURN — Cyrus F. Johnson, 78, of Auburn died Friday Feb.19, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 2, 1931, in Mansfield, Ohio, to Forrest L. and Nina (Fisher) Johnson. He was a 1950 graduate of Angola High School, graduate of Tri State University, attended Indiana University and received his master's degree from St. Francis College. He worked for Cooper Industrial Products in the accounting department for more than 30 years, retiring in 1992 as accounting manager.

Mr. Johnson

Cy was a unique human being who stepped to the beat of a different drummer. His slogans were "Do it," "Life is not a dress rehearsal," "Simplify" (which he did not do), and "Be prepared." He was a true adventurer who ran marathons, climbed mountains and had been to all the continents, backpacking all over the world. In the U.S. he climbed the Grand Tetons, Devil's Tower, Sierra Nevada's, San Juan, as well as hiking parts of the Appalachian Trail including the end of the trail at Mount Katahdin in Maine. He trekked in Nepal and climbed Mount Kilimanjaro and Mount Kenya in Africa. He was the captain of his yacht which complimented his service with the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Among these many things, Cy will also be remembered for his disaster relief work with the American Red Cross after Hurricane Katrina, Andrew and others.

He served his country during the Korean Conflict in the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, member and past president of the Auburn Lions Club, Ham Radio Club, Toastmasters Club and the Masonic Lodge.

He married Ramona Jane Smurr in June of 1955 in Angola and she died Oct. 25, 1979. On May 2, 1987, he married Evelyn Heimach in the Auburn Presbyterian Church and she survives.

He is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Sheila Johnson of Auburn; a daughter, Cynthia Johnson of Valparaiso; four stepsons William G. (Julie) Heimach of Auburn, the Rev. Robert A. (Jennifer) Heimach of Indianapolis, Frederick Heimach of Auburn and Kevin (Kristine) Heimach of Garrett; two stepdaughters, Sandy (Bill) Kurtz of Nappanee and Julie (Stan) Haiflich of Auburn; two granddaughters, Susan Johnson and Sarah Johnson; 11 stepgrandchildren; a brother, Forrest Johnson Jr. of South Bend; four nephews and a niece.

He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, a granddaughter, Sarah Danielle Guinn, and two brothers Sanford Johnson and one who died in infancy.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Auburn Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Lyle Ewing and the Rev. Thomas Smith will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m at the Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn, 1860 Center Street, Auburn, and one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Auburn Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes or the American Red Cross.

Rev. Garland Whittington

PUEBLO, Colo. — The Rev. Garland Lee Whittington, 68, of Pueblo died Jan. 3, 2010, in Pueblo West.

Whittington

Rev. Whittington had pastored in Brethren in Christ Churches in Colorado Springs, Garrett, Ind., and as a missionary at Navajo Mission in Bloomfield, N.M.

He has also served in the Community Brethren Church at Buckeye, Kan. Following his retirement, he served as the administrator of the Abilene Cemetery in Abilene, Kan.

He graduated from Kansas Wesleyan University with a degree in religion and philosophy.

Rev. Whittington served 20 years in the U.S. Army and was a Vietnam War veteran.

He was a member of the Lions Club and the VFW.

Rev. Whittington attended the Majestic Church in Pueblo.

He was the son of Cecil and Susie Whittington. They preceded him in death.

He and his wife, Virginia, were married Aug. 11, 1962, in Lewiston, Maine. She survives in Pueblo.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Susan and Rance Biesecker of Chapman, Kan., and Tacey Lee and Ric Trevino of Camp Hill, Pa.; a son and daughter-in-law, Burnham Estes and Kim Whittington of Pueblo West, Colo.; seven grandchildren; two brothers, Earl Whittington of Lancaster, Ohio, and Cloyd Whittington of North Carolina; and a sister, Leah Wipple of Whitset, N.C.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth Whittington and Lester Whittington; and a sister, Faye Wolfemberger.

A celebration of life service will be held at 3 p.m. March 26 at Buckeye Church, north of Abilene, Kan.

Memorials are to ENT Federal Credit Union, 300 W. 5th St., Pueblo, CO, account number 525620.

Naomi Hanes

AUBURN — Naomi Louise Hanes, 85, of Auburn died Sunday, Feb. 21, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Hanes was a homemaker.

She was a member of the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in Auburn, and the Women's Home Economics Club of DeKalb County.

She was born May 24, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Harry and Ruth (Hartley) Thompson. She married Glenn Hanes on Feb. 26, 1944. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Howard and Luanne Hanes of Advance, N.C., David and Janetta Hanes of Auburn and Jack Hanes of Bowling Green, Ky.; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a brother, Wayne Thompson of New Haven; and a sister, Margaret Harmeyer of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter-in-law, Pamela Hanes; five brothers, Roland Thompson, Ralph Thompson, Jerry Thompson, Eugene Thompson and Jessie Thompson; and one sister, Helen Hallien.

A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday at First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, 910 N. Indiana Ave., Auburn, with Dr. Robert Craig officiating.

Calling will be from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday prior to the service at the church.

There will be a private family burial on Wednesday in the Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association or the activity fund at Betz Nursing Home.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handing arrangements.

Janice Chikota

WATERLOO — Janice Gay Chikota, 64, died Monday, Feb. 22, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Chikota was a special education teacher with Lakeview Public Schools in St. Clair Shores, MI. She was proud of her work and involvement with the Special Olympics.

She was born Dec, 29, 1945, in Auburn to Max and Rebecca (Fee) Rufner. She married Richard Chikota (deceased) on June 21, 1970.

She is survived by her daughter and son in law, Megan (Chikota) & Chris Napier of Royal Oak, Mich.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Beth Rufner of Fort Wayne and Randall and Kathy Rufner of Auburn; a sister-in-law, Carolyn Stearns of New Smyrna Beach, Fla.; five nieces, two nephews, her dog Libby and a large extended family.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery at Waterloo.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the Special Olympics, c/o Janice Chikota, Special Olympics Michigan, East Campus Drive, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859.

Joyce Ahrndt

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Joyce E. Ahrndt, 75, of Hicksville died Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, at Community Memorial Hospital of Hicksville.

Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler, Ind.

Calling will be one hour prior to the services.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com

David Gemmer

CORUNNA — David Paul Gemmer, 79, of Corunna, died Monday, Feb. 22, 2010, in his rural home.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church, 301 S. Oak St., Kendallville.

The family will receive friends following the service at the church.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church and School, Kendallville, or Parkview Noble Hospice.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

A full obituary will appear in Thursday's paper.

(David Gemmer)

Pam Hollinger

CORUNNA — David Paul Gemmer, 79, of Corunna died Monday, February 22, 2010, in his rural home.

He began his teaching career in 1952, in a one-room school at Zion Lutheran Corunna. He served as principal and teacher at St. John's Flatrock in Monroeville, and retired after teaching 26 years at Concordia Lutheran High School in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and was a Stephen Ministry leader and teacher.

He was born June 2, 1930, in Huntington to the late Paul and Edith (Ellerman) Gemmer.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Maryellyn (Smith) Gemmer of Corunna; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Lisa Gemmer of Avon; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sarah Clark of Corunna, Rachel and Dean Dwyer of Corunna and Hannah and Andy Alatza of Westfield; and six grandsons, Jeremiah Sheets, Isaiah Clark, Paul and Mark Gemmer, and Nicholas and Noah Alatza.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 27, 2010, at 1 p.m. in St. John Lutheran Church, 301 S. Oak St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel and the Rev. Robert Shriner officiating.

The family will receive friends following the service at the church.

Preferred memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church and School, Kendallville, or Parkview Noble Hospice.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Blanche Messmann

WATERLOO — Blanche Ellen Messmann, 90, of Waterloo died Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at the home of her granddaughter in Altona.

She was born October 15, 1919, in Levetsburg, Ohio, to Clarence L. and Grace M. (Scott) Keller. They have both passed away.

She retired from Universal Tool and Stamping in Butler after 20 years of service.

She enjoyed fishing, gardening and spending time at the lake.

She married Lewis Messmann on October 24, 1942, in Fort Wayne and he died September 7, 1996.

She is survived by a son, Ronald L. Messmann of Waterloo; a son-in-law, Ray L. Henderson of Pleasant Lake; nine grandchildren, Shannon (Messmann) Baxla, Windy (Henderson) Kemp, Ray Henderson Jr., Joseph Henderson, Mark Henderson, Chad Messmann, Robert Messmann, Jim Messmann and Sara Messmann; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her spouse; a daughter, Elaina Henderson; and two sons, Roger Messmann and Thomas Messmann.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 27, 201,0 at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Randy Marshall will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Lawrence Coker

KENDALLVILLE — Lawrence Thomas Coker, 75, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010, in his DeKalb County residence.

There will be no visitation or services.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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David Gemmer

CORUNNA — David Paul Gemmer, 79, of Corunna died Monday, February 22, 2010, in his rural home.

He began his teaching career in 1952, in a one-room school at Zion Lutheran Corunna. He served as principal and teacher at St. John's Flatrock in Monroeville, and retired after teaching 26 years at Concordia Lutheran High School in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and was a Stephen Ministry leader and teacher.

He was born June 2, 1930, in Huntington to the late Paul and Edith (Ellerman) Gemmer.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Maryellyn (Smith) Gemmer of Corunna; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Lisa Gemmer of Avon; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sarah Clark of Corunna, Rachel and Dean Dwyer of Corunna and Hannah and Andy Alatza of Westfield; and six grandsons, Jeremiah Sheets, Isaiah Clark, Paul and Mark Gemmer, and Nicholas and Noah Alatza.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 27, 2010, at 1 p.m. in St. John Lutheran Church, 301 S. Oak St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel and the Rev. Robert Shriner officiating.

The family will receive friends following the service at the church.

Preferred memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church and School, Kendallville, or Parkview Noble Hospice.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Kenenth Junk

AUBURN — Kenneth F. Junk, 84, of Auburn died Wednesday February 24, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

He worked at Dana Corp for 30 years before retiring in May of 1982.

Mr. Junk was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn, Garrett Council Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree, Lifetime Mother Teresa Assembly of the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree and the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn. He was the former president of the Dana Athletic Association and of the Dana Federal Credit Union.

He was a sergeant in the Marine Corps. during in World War II from 1943 to 1946 with 14 months was spent in the Pacific and then in Korea from 1950 to 1951.

Mr. Junk and his wife were very involved all their lives with the Gibault School for Boys in Terra Haute, Ind. In 2006, the Gibault School dedicated a group home in the name of Ken and Margaret Junk for their years of selfless dedication to the home.

Mr. Junk was born May 4, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Joseph Jr. and Ada Marie (Hausbach) Junk. He married Margaret Kelly on July 23, 1949, in Auburn and she died February 28, 1997.

He was also preceded in death by a brother Donald Junk and a sister Marguerite Junk.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2 p.m. Friday, February 26, 2010, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Father Derrick Sneyd will officiate. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be 1 hour prior to the service at the church Friday from 1 to 2 p.m.

Memorials can be directed to Gibault School for Boys or Masses to the church.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Pam Hollinger

GARRETT — Pamela S. "Pam" Hollinger, 48, died Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at her parents home in rural Garrett.

She was a 1980 graduate of Garrett High School.

She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and the women's group of the church. She was a 10-year member of 4-H and was State Officer for OEA from 1978-1980.

She was an assistant cook for five years for Epworth Forest Conference Center in North Webster from 1980-1985. She then worked as a custodian for the school system from 1988-1998 and as an assembler for Kimball Electronics from 1998-2007. She was currently working as a polishing Technician for C & A Tool Engineering Inc. in Churubusco and as a custodian for the church.

She was born June 3, 1961, in Fort Wayne to Wilbur D. and Joyce E. (Bowser) Hollinger. They both survive in Garrett.

Also surviving are three sisters and brothers-in-law, Beth E. and Keith Flesher of Homerville, Georgia, Lori J. and Terry Berndt of Auburn, and Emily A. and William Jeffries of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Garrett United Methodist Church, 110 W. Houston St., Garrett, with the Rev. Ronald Bowman and Dr. Scott Shoaff officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be from 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday at the Church.

Memorials may be directed to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana or the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Delmar Sattison

BUTLER — Delmar W. Sattison, 93, of Butler died Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010, at Miller's Senior Community Center in Indianapolis.

Mr. Sattison was a brakeman for the B & O Railroad, retiring after 30 years of service. He was also a retired farmer.

He was a member of Butler Eagles and the Railroad Brakeman Union.

He was born June 22, 1916, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, to Waldo M. and Bessie E. (Stout) Sattison. He married Ethel B. Brunson on Nov. 30, 1936, in Branch County, Mich. She preceded him in death April 18, 1969.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Lenora Sattison of Butler; two daughters and sons-in-law, Virginia and Robert Davis of Garrett and Reva and Gary Parker of Indianapolis; nine grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a grandchild; a brother, John Sattison; and three sisters, Arco Goller, Vada Ridge and Phyllis Farrington.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at H. E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Butler.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Mmorials are to the Butler Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com

Howard King

ASHLEY — Howard George King, 85, passed away on February 24, 2010, at The Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler, IN of complications from COPD.

Howard was born on December 16, 1924, in Leoni Township, Michigan.

Mr. King

He served as a Sergeant in the United States Marines specializing in radio operations from 1943 to 1946 and was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific on Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

He married Shirley Gramling in 1947 and was blessed with two children.

Howard worked as a supervisor in rubber injection molding at Auburn Rubber Co. and was in law enforcement for his community in Ashley, IN, before settling into retirement in Winter Haven, FL.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; son and daughter-in-law, Lon and Susan King; a daughter and son-in-law, Laurie and Rob Raker; and six grandchildren, Aynsley King, Chris Raker, Austin King, Leslie Olivetta, Greyson King and Cameron King.

Internment will be at the Roseland Cemetery in Jackson, Michigan.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes cards be sent to Shirley King at P.O. Box 6, Hamilton, IN 46742.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Lyle Baird

AUBURN — Lyle E. Baird, 80, of Auburn died Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010, in Shipshewana.

Mr. Baird was a lifetime Fairfield Township farmer. He also worked for McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville, retiring after 20 years of service.

Mr. Baird

He served on the Corunna Fire Department for nine years, one of those years as fire chief.

He was a former member of the NFO.

He was born July 16, 1929, in Waterloo, to Ray and Hilda (Sherwood) Baird. He married Martha Moughler on July 29, 1950, in Butler. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Cathy and Patrick Hampshire of Lake Worth, Fla., and Judy and Paul Collins of Auburn; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a son-in-law and his spouse, Kenneth and Deb Hartman of Wolcottville; a sister, Patty Pierce of Kendallville; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Billy and Jo Baird of Ligonier, Larry and Kay Baird of Hicksville, Ohio, and Jack Cindy Baird of Topeka.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Colleen Hartman; two sisters, Evelyn Payton, and Terena Longsworth; and five brothers, Wilbur Baird, Don Baird, Merlin Baird, Gary Baird and Dallas Baird.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Gary Dilly officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to a charity of the donor's choice.

Barbara Schieber

AUBURN — Barbara Lee Schieber, 79, of Auburn went to be with the Lord on Friday, Feb. 26, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Her joy in life came from sharing her faith and being an inspiration to her family and friends. She will be missed.

Mrs. Schieber was a waitress for various restaurants in the Waterloo and Kendallville area. She was also a homemaker.

She was a former member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church. She was an active member of the New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

She was born Jan. 30, 1931, in Waterloo, to Emery and Dorthea (Wiles) Camp.

She married Karl Schieber on July 23, 1950, in Angola. He remains at their home in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sherry Kay Lancaster of Auburn, and Gloria Ann and Jeff Wimer of Auburn; three grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Charlotte Maxine Bedson of Galion, Ohio, and Rachel Ellen Dohner of Albion; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Emery Noel and Hildanna Camp of Waterloo, and Thomas Edward and Barbara Camp of Tucson, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a half sister; and a half brother.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the New Hope Christian Center.

Joan Kelham

AVILLA — Joan Kelham, 89, of Avilla, died on Monday, Feb. 22, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Ms. Kelham

She was born Jan. 25, 1921 in Avilla to Freeman and Gertrude (Weller) Kelham. She earned her Masters Degree in Music Education from Northwestern University. She was a Music Teacher at Fort Wayne Community Schools for 30 years before retiring in 1987. She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, Zeta Tau Alpha and Delta Kappa Gamma Sororities, Arts Advocates at I.P.F.W., Bar Street Irregulars and a Fort Wayne Philharmonic volunteer.

She is survived by several cousins including: Marjorie Saxer of Garrett; Steve and Kathy Kelham; Barron, Becky and Olivia Thomas; Tracy, Holly, Warren and Katelyn Joseph; Steven, Sara, Addison and Trey Kelham all of Avilla.

The funeral service will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, with Dr. Scott Shoaff officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorials are to the I.P.F.W. Music Department.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

William Colley

AUBURN — William "Denver" Colley, 76, of Auburn died Friday, Feb., 26, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne.

Mr. Colley

Mr. Colley worked at the Auburn Foundry, retiring in 1997 after 30 years of service. Then in 1998, he went to work for Auburn Motor Sales, where he was currently employed.

He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving from 1953 - 1955.

He was a member of Soul's Harbor Assembly of God in rural Auburn. He was also a member of the American Legion Post No. 97 of Auburn.

He was born July 18, 1933, in English, W.V., to Tom and Leona (Fletcher) Colley.

He married Juanita Deskins on Oct. 27, 1956, in Lebanon, Va., and she survives in Auburn.

Also surviving is a daughter, Rita Colley of Auburn; three sisters, Carol Ward of Auburn, Ann Holley of Reidsville, N.C., and Peggy Claridge of Boonville; and one brother, Donald Colley of Jacksonville, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Thomas Allen Colley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Soul's Harbor Assembly of God, 3810 C.R. 40A, Auburn, with the Rev. David Snodderly officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn, with military graveside services being conducted by the United States Army and the American Legion Post No. 97 of Auburn.

Calling will be from 4 - 8 p.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the Soul's Harbor Assembly Church of God.

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Booth's life was about helping others

BY JIM SHILANDER
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ANGOLA — Rebecca Booth was a consummate teacher and leader, her family and colleagues said.

Booth, 57, who helped to lead the Steuben County 4-H Horse and Pony Club and served as a nurse in the labor and delivery ward at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital for the last 20 years, died Feb. 13 in Angola.

Tonya Alleshouse, who worked with Booth since 1990, called her the "most comforting, giving woman I ever met in my life."

"Rebecca was always there to offer you anything you might need," Alleshouse said. "You could always talk with her. She was very easy going."

Alleshouse said Booth served as a real mentor, both to young nurses and new mothers.

"She would always teach the new mothers about caring for their babies. She was just a teacher-type of person."

Cindy Heffelfinger was a lifelong friend of Booth's and worked with her as a nurse. "Rebecca would always grab the students and tried to show them everything she could."

Sisters Cathy Hasselman and Royann McLatcher said their sister, who was the middle child, knew early on that nursing was what she wanted.

"She shadowed someone one day as a nurse, and said 'That's what I want to do,'" McLatcher said. "She was always interested in helping people."

Hasselman said her sister was often the mediator as the middle child, and was always "strong-willed but kind-hearted."

Heffelfinger said those traits shone through throughout her friends' life. "If you needed to talk, to vent, whatever, she was there to listen, and then to guide you to the right path."

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Rebecca Booth rides along a trail with her mule, Brandy. Booth, a lifelong rider, taught others to appreciate riding through the 4-H program.

From a young age, they said, all three sisters had a passion for riding horses.

"We all rode, starting at 2 or 3 years old," Hasselman said. "We joked that when you married us, you also married our horses."

But horses weren't just childhood fun for Booth. She continued riding for the rest of her life and taught others to appreciate riding as well.

"She was the same way with kids as she was with those nursing students," McLatcher said. "She would make it fun for them, but keep it safe so they could learn something." Booth was also adept at reading the moods and desires of horses.

"She helped families understand the needs of their horses," McLatcher said.

Hasselman said her sister got involved heavily with 4-H while her oldest son was in the program. One of the primary programs she was involved with was the Horseless Horse program, teaching horsemanship to students who didn't own their own.

"She would let them ride her horses on the weekends. Taught them how to handle the horses. And they were so appreciative of it," Hasselman said. "She had that kind of heart."

Booth kept up her riding and family connections, in part, by taking trips with her sisters and friends to various places and riding her mule "Brandy."

"She's the third child," Heffelfinger said of the mule. "When the others left home she became like another child."

In general, the members of the "Cheyenne Social Club," would travel to Tennessee or Missouri to ride their steeds and enjoy each other's company.

"She was a big game player," McLatcher said. "She didn't want to lose. She was very competitive."

Hasselman said with her roles at both 4-H and at the hospital, it was hard for her sister to go out in town without being stopped by people.

"We couldn't go to the store without someone stopping her and saying 'Thank You,' or 'You helped deliver my child,'" she noted.

"She is really going to be missed by everyone, because she really made an impact in a lot of people's lives," McLatcher said. "She liked it simple, and enjoyed life for what it was."

Doris Geeting

ANGOLA — Doris C. Geeting, 80, of Crooked Lake, Angola, went to be with her Lord Saturday, February 27, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born on November 3, 1929, in Auburn to Foy L. and Bertha V. (Parker) Axtell.

She was a homemaker and also worked for nine years at Auburn Recreation Center.

She was a member of Lake Missionary Church Angola. She was a life member of the Women of the Moose of Angola, former member Waterloo VFW Women's Auxiliary, Angola American Legion Women's Auxilary, and Gold Wing Road Riders Association.

She loved crafts, snowmobiling, speed boating, bowling, bird watching and was an avid oil painter and sketching artist.

She married Edison W. Geeting Jr. on September 23, 1948, in Waterloo and he survives.

She is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Michael L. and Deborah Geeting of Auburn; and a daughter and her fiance, Jane L. Conway and Dennis Taylor of Fremont.

There are six grandchildren, Kevin (Denissa) Geeting of Butler, Erin (Mark) Thrush of Garrett, Tracy (Amy) Gerbers of Fremont, Tanya Betts and her boyfriend Matthew Pelletier of Fremont, Morgan Taylor of Zumbrota, Minn., and Heather Holden and her friend Larry Oliver of Angola; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son-in-law, William "Bill" Conway; a sister, Dorothy Bendele; and two brothers, C. P. Carlyn Axtell and E.M. Bud Axtell and a grandson-in-law, Robert L. Betts.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo. Pastor Mike Cain will officiate.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo, at a later date.

Calling will be 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the family c/o Edison W. Geeting Jr.

Hilma Culler

WATERLOO — Hilma I. Culler, 88, of Waterloo died Sunday, February 28, 2010 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Culler

She worked at Messenger Cop., Electric Motors and County Line Cheese, retiring in 1981.

She was a member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, DeKalb County Gideon's Auxiliary and the DeKalb County Eastern Star.

She was born June 4, 1921, in Concord Township in DeKalb County to Charles H. and Ruth I (Morr) Bleeks. She married Wayne D. Culler on Dec. 24, 1939, in Spencerville and he died Oct. 17, 1986.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert Culler of Garrett and Melvin and Fran Culler of Auburn; eight grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son Major Carson Culler (who was killed in the line of duty); a brother, Hubert Bleeks; and two sisters, Lorraine Bleeks and Marjorie Schopf.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Memorials can be directed to Norris Chapel United Methodist Church or DeKalb County Gideon's.

Joan Kelham

AVILLA — Funeral services for Joan Kelham, 89, of Avilla, will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 3, at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemtery at Garrett.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, at the funeral home and one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the IPFW Music Department.

Miss Kelham died on Monday, Feb. 22, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Miley Myers

BUTLER — Miley S. Myers, 45, of Butler died Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Myers

She worked for Tower Automotive in Auburn.

She was born in Auburn on Dec. 6, 1964, to Joseph and Carolyn (Voirol) McNamara. They survive in Auburn.

She married David Myers on Sept. 10, 1989, in Auburn and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Joseph B. Myers of Auburn and Joshua D. Myers at home; and a brother and sister-in-law, Brian and Amy McNamara of Avilla.

She was preceded in death by a son, Brandon Myers

Private family services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn. Joe Heins will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

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Sue Streeter

AUBURN — Sue Ann Streeter, age 50, died Sunday, February 28, 2010 at 6:40 PM at her home in Auburn, after a long battle with cancer.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Pastor Sue Socha will officiate.

Calling will be on Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Prentiss Chapter 178 Order of the Easter Star will conduct a service at 8 p.m. Calling is also one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Burial will be at Oak Lawn Gardens in Titusville, Fla., at a later date.

Memorial contributions are to the family.

Online condolences can be sent at brazzellfuneral-home.com

Herman Marsh

COLDWATER, Mich. — Herman D. Marsh, 83, of Coldwater died Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Marsh

Mr. Marsh had worked as a truck driver, farmer, at Essex Wire in Reading, Mich., and South Whitley, Ind., for Clausing Lathe in Warsaw, Ind., and for Akron Foundry, retiring in 1993 as a night foreman.

He was a graduate of Reading High School and served in the European Theater with the U.S. Army during World War II.

Mr. Marsh was a former member of the Orland, Ind., American Legion Post 423 and attended Jamestown Church at Fremont, Ind.

He was born July 21, 1926, in Reading to Derwood and Sarah (Van Voorhis) Marsh. He married Carlene P. Collyer on Feb. 4, 1951, in Reading. She survives in Coldwater.

Also surviving are his children, Frank and Karen Marsh of Howe, Ind., Debra Sisson of Arvada, Colo., Denise and Dan Mason of Maryville, Tenn., and Robert Marsh of LaGrange, Ind.; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Joan and John Jaruzel of Houghton Lake, Mich..

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Doris Church.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 1, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind., with the Rev. Dale Gerig officiating.

Burial was in Burlington Cemetery in Burlington, Mich., with military rites by members of the Fremont, Ind., American Legion Post.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association, P.O. Box 28, Angola, IN 46703.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

Sue Streeter

AUBURN — Sue Ann Streeter, age 50, died Sunday, February 28, 2010 at 6:40 p.m. at her home in Auburn, after a long battle with cancer.

Mrs. Streeter

She was born on June 24, 1959, in Columbia City, and was the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Elser) Shellman.

She has lived in Auburn since 2000, and prior to that she was a lifetime resident of the Albion area.

She graduated from Central Noble High School in 1977, and was vice president of Mechanical Systems in Avilla, where she has been employed since 2004.

On July 8, 2006,she married Dale Streeter in Auburn. He survives in Auburn.

Mrs. Streeter regularly attended church at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Prentiss Chapter for over 25 years, and a former member of the Albion American Legion Post 242 Auxiliary.

She loved gardening, sewing, crafts, NASCAR, traveling, but above all loved being with her grandkids and her family.

Surviving with her husband, Dale, are her mother, Elizabeth Shellman of Albion; sons Jeremiah (Amy) Klopfenstein of Portland, Indiana; and Drew (Nicole) Streeter of Tampa, Florida; daughters, Jessica (Matt) Balyeat of Avilla; Hilary (Carl) McCafferty of Tampa, Florida; and Haley (Alex) Kurr of New Port Ritchie, Florida; five grandchildren, Mason M. and Myah Balyeat, Kylie and Max Klopfenstein and Adian Streeter. Sue was expecting another grandchild to arrive in August.

Also surviving are her brothers, R. Alan (Judy) Shellman of Manteca, California; Michael R. (Terresa) Shellman of Albion, and Mark (Beth) Shellman of Albion; her mother-in-law, Crystal Streeter of Auburn; special family friend, Andy Kennedy of Auburn; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her father, Robert Shellman on January 31, 2004.

Funeral services for Mrs. Streeter will be Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 2 p.m at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Pastor Sue Socha will officiate. Buria will be at Oak Lawn Gardens in Titusville, Florida, at a later date.

Calling will be today, Wednesday, March 3, 2010, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Prentiss Chapter 178 Order of the Easter Star will conduct a service at 8 p.m. Calling is also one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Memorials are to the family.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

Ruth Fausnaugh

KIMMELL — Ruth Ida Fausnaugh, 91, of Kimmell died at 2:50 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, 2010.

Mrs. Fausnaugh was a dedicated homemaker and a lifetime area resident.

Mrs. Fausnaugh

She and her husband, the Rev. Bernard Fausnaugh, founded the Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle in Kimmell in 1974. Rev. Fausnaugh served as pastor there until his death in 1998. Ruth continued to faithfully attend the church following her husband's death.

She was born May 2, 1918, in Auburn to John and Floy (Holmes) Griffin. She married Bernard Fausnaugh on January 3, 1946, in Garrett. He preceded her in death on May 16, 1998.

Surviving are two sons, Stanley (Nancy) Fausnaugh of Ligonier and Steven Fausnaugh of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Debra Hanlon of Wawaka; a brother, Harold (Charlene) Griffin of Waterloo; three sisters, Alice (Dan) Whonsettler of Avilla, Pauline (Lawrence) Baliet of Corunna and Patricia Hornet of Auburn; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Joe Griffin Sr.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 6, 2010, at Lighthouse Tabernacle, 6522 E. Noe St., Kimmell, with Pastor Glenn Patrick of Lighthouse Tabernacle, and the Rev. Betty Valett officiating.

Burial will be in Kimmell Cemetery at Kimmell.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, March 5, 2010, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

Memorials are to Lighthouse Tabernacle, 6522 E. Noe St., Kimmell, IN 46760.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

Sharon Surfus

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio — Sharon J. (Little) Surfus, 73, of Springfield died Monday, March 1, 2010, following several years of failing health.

Mrs. Surfus was an active member of Asbury United Methodist Church where she was a Sunday school teacher, a member of the United Methodist Women, and the Emmaus Community. Prior to moving to Springfield, she and her husband were members of Butler United Methodist Church in Butler, Ind.

She was born in DeKalb County, Ind., on June 27, 1936, to Glenn and Ruth (Culbertson) Little. She married Jim S. Surfus on Sept. 21, 1957. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and their spouses, Jeffrey and Stephanie Surfus of Dexter, Mich., Joel Surfus and Craig Starnes of Long Beach, Calif., and Eric and Lara Surfus of Monroe, Ohio; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Max Little.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home in Butler, with Pastor Steven Hayes officiating.

Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery in DeKalb County.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the Littleton & Rue Funeral Home in Springfield.

Memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church, 104 E. Clark St., North Hampton, OH 45349 or the Alzheimers Association, 3797 Summit Glen Drive, Dayton, OH 45459.

Send online condolences to the family at www.littletonandrue.com

Randy Cusick

AUBURN — Randy Lee Cusick, 43, passed away at his home on Thursday, March 4, 2010, surrounded by his loved ones.

He attended DeKalb High School.

He recently worked at AZZ Galvanizing in Hamilton. He previously worked at Bohn Aluminum, and Renaissance Publishing Company.

He was an avid fisherman and loved NASCAR. He enjoyed camping with his family. He also enjoyed spending quality time with his great-nephew and great-niece.

He was born on March 12, 1966, in DeKalb County to Laura (Casto) Hartsock and Lee Cusick.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Laura and Robert Hartsock of Montpelier, Ohio; his father and stepmother, Lee and Jan Cusick of Peoria, Arizona; the love of his life, Nancy Deardorf of Auburn; one sister and her husband, Candy and Ron Saylor of Auburn; a niece and her husband, Angela and Mike Morr of Auburn; and a nephew, Adam Saylor of Auburn.

Also surviving are Nancy's children — her daughter and spouse, Melissa and Wade McWilliams of Galveston, Texas; her son and his girlfriend, Jeremy Deardorf and Jessica Sweitzer of Auburn; a great-niece and great-nephew, Preslee and Gavin Morr; and several stepbrothers and stepsisters.

He is preceded in death by his sister, Penny Cusick in 2001.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 8, 2010, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, March 7, 2010, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the family to help with medical expenses.

Paul Moore

HUNTINGTON — Paul A. Moore, 88, formerly of St. Joe, Indiana, died Thursday evening (March 4, 2010) at Heritage Pointe in Warren, Indiana.

Mr. Moore

He was born on October 12, 1921, in Hicksville, Ohio, to the late Enos C. and Lola B. (Elliott) Moore. He married Leila Mae Hurni on October 23, 1948, in St. Joe, Indiana. She preceded him in death on January 9, 1999. He married Lola K. (Tyner) Brubaker on December 19, 1999, in Loon Creek Church of the Brethren in Huntington.

Surviving are his wife, Lola K. Moore of Huntington, Ind.; daughters, Rowena (Dan) Edquid of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Janelle (David) Baggett of Spring, Texas; stepsons, Deloss Brubaker of Atlanta, Ga., Darwin "Ike" (Mary Beth) Brubaker of Boswell, Ind., and Dennis (Janell) Brubaker of Huntington, Ind.; his grandchildren, Carrie (Matt) Billings, Kristen Edquid, Travis (Meridale) Baggett, and Britney (Erik) Heim; his great-grandchildren, Madelyn Billings and Sylvia Baggett; six stepgrandchildren; eight stepgreat-grandchildren; and a brother,Ted (Phyllis) Moore Mt. Dora, Fla.

He was also preceded in death by four brothers, Lee, Akin, Ray and Glenn Moore; and six sisters, Marguerite and Esther Moore, Leila Bloemke, Martha Parker, Elizabeth Stemen and Maxine Kelley.

Paul retired from Dana Corporation in 1987 after 36 and one half years as a truck repairman.

He was a World War II Army veteran.

Paul was a member of St. Joe Church of Christ, a former member of the St. Joe Lion's Club and a member of the Auburn American Legion.

He was an avid Cubs fan.

Calling will be held on Sunday (March 7, 2010) from 3-7 p.m. at St. Joe Church of Christ in St. Joe, Indiana.

Services will be on Monday at 11 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe, Ind.

Memorials are to Family Hospice & Palliative Care, 265 W. Water St. Berne, IN 46711.

Arrangements are by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville, Ind.

Judith Miller

ST. JOE — Judith Ann Miller, 68, of St. Joe died Friday, March 5, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A memorial service will take place at 7 p.m. Sunday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to Cancer Service of Northeast Indiana.

Betty Haynes

AVILLA — Betty L. Haynes, 63, of Avilla died Saturday, March 6, 2010, at 12:03 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital's intensive care unit in Kendallville where she had been a patient since Tuesday. She had been in declining health since November 2009.

She was a lifetime Avilla resident.

Along with her husband Bill, they owned and operated for several years the BJ's Small Engine Repair in Avilla. She also worked for Electric Motors in Garrett for several years, LaOtto Manufacturing and worked for Hays Tap in Avilla for over 15 years.

In her free time Mrs. Haynes loved to cook, spend time with her grandchildren and attend their sporting events. She also enjoyed tending to her yard and gardening.

Mrs. Haynes was a 1964 graduate of Avilla High School and a member of the Avilla American Legion Post 240 Auxiliary.

She was born on April 11, 1946, in Fort Wayne to the late Herman and Mildred (Isenbarger) Krock. On April 3, 1970, in Kendallville she married William J. "Bill" Haynes. He survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Tyler and Kim Haynes of Avilla, and Troy and Michelle Haynes of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Hilary Didier of Roanoke, Ind., Nathan Haynes of Avilla, Abby and Collin Haynes, both of Kendallville; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, James Krock Sr. of Avilla, William "Bill" and Marylin Krock Sr. of Avilla and Robert and Bev Krock Sr. of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Sandy and Tom Lash of Kendallville; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel, with Rev. Larry R. Williams officiating. Burial will follow in Avilla Cemetery in Avilla. Active casketbearers will be Jerry Krock, Randy Krock, Bill Krock Jr., Tracy Lash, Bob Krock Jr. and Matt Butler. Honorary casketbearers will be Jim Krock Jr., and Kyle Krock.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, 2010, with an additional hour on Wednesday at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel, 530 N. Main St., Avilla, IN 46710.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be given to the Avilla American Legion Post 240 Scholarship Program.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book, visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Jennie Huth

GARRETT — Jennie R. Huth, 38, of Garrett died at 5:17 a.m. Saturday, March 6, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Jan. 4, 1972, in Auburn to Michael F. and Nancy A. (Garman) Huth. They survive in Garrett.

Jennie worked at Alliance Industries in Garrett for the last few years. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett. She was involved in the Special Olympics, Action Club and Alliance Bowling.

She is survived by her parents, Michael F. and Nancy A. Huth; a brother, Christopher M. and Kathy Huth; and and niece and nephew, Rebekah A. Huth and Logan M. Huth, all of Garrett.

Ms. Huth

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett with Fr. Andrew Nazareth officiating. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday, March 8, 2010, at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with a Rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Alliance Industries.

Condolences may be sent and the online guestbook signed at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Elmer Freed

GARRETT — Elmer Clair Freed, 97, of Garrett died Friday, March 5, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mr. Freed was a lifetime Fairfield Township farmer. He also was a school bus driver for the Fairfield School and worked for the DeKalb County Highway Department for 10 years, retiring in 1977.

He was born March 29, 1912, in Fairfield Township of DeKalb County to Samuel and Elizabeth (Haines) Freed. He married Doris Ilene Leason on Jan. 13, 1935, in Hamilton. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David H. and Jacqueline Freed of Garrett; a grandson and his wife, Gary and Michelle Freed of Auburn; and a great grandson, Evan Matthew of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Elmer Lee Freed and Delmer Clair Freed; two daughters, Geneva Ellen Freed and Diane Kay Freed; a great grandson, Landon Jacob Freed; four brothers, Clarence Freed, Robert Freed, Howard Freed and Donald Freed; and five sisters, Eva Krum, Pearl Manon, Esther Leins, Dalia Schmuck and Mary Hartman.

Services will be at noon Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday before the services at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

Ruth Tarlton

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth Elizabeth Tarlton, 92, of Kendallville died Monday, March 8, 2010, in Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville.

Mrs. Tarlton

Mrs. Tarlton retired from Taylor Made in Kendallville in 1978.

She was a life member of VFW Post 2749 Auxiliary, past member of the Kendallville Moose Lodge, and attended the South Milford Church of Christ.

She was born July 6, 1917, in DeKalb County to Albert and Esther (Ladd) Schulthess. On April 27, 1974, she married Lester Tarlton. He preceded her in death in 1981.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Tom Mortimore of Kendallville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Alice Martin of Garrett, Larry and Betty Martin of Ligonier and Kenny and Lois Martin of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren, Tina Marie and Todd Reighter of Auburn, Michael Allen Martin of Auburn, Robert Foust of Kendallville, Tab and Amy Foust of Kendallville, Dawn and Don Reed of Edon, Ohio, Lori and Dave Preston of Kendallville, Christine and Robert Conrad of Ligonier, Tonia Hotchkiss of Kendallville, Tara and Gabe Norris of Albion, and Brian and Sidonia Martin of Wolcottville; three stepgrandchildren, Thomas and Cindy Mortimore of Huntington, Wade Mortimore of Dayton, Ohio, and Kay and Mike Tuttle of Huntington; 17 great-grandchildren, Jerimiah Foust, Robert Foust, Chris Elser, Michelle Keck, Raymond Reed, Spenser Reed, Holly Ort, Amanda and Rick Naatz, Nicole Preston, Kayla Preston, Samantha Preston, Jessica Conrad, Alyssa Conrad, Madalyn Hotchkiss, Ryan Hotchkiss, Lane Norris and Owen Norris; five stepgreat-grandchildren, Ashley Mortimore, Seth Mortimore, Jade Mortimore, Samantha Tuttle and Jennifer Tuttle; four great-great-grandchildren, Madison Naatz, Noelani Foust, Kody Martin and Briana Rae Reed; two stepgreat-great-grandchildren, Wyatt Mortimore and Brodie Mortimore; and three nieces, Linda Gradeless of Florida, Donna Mae Longardner of Auburn and Tammy Schulthess of California.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Lisa Lash; two brothers, Don and Earl Schulthess; and a half brother, Dale Schulthess.

Funeral services will be Thursday, March 11, 2010, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. States St., Kendallville, with the Rev. John Lutton of the Ligonier Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Casketbearers will be members of Kendallville VFW Post 2749.

Calling will be Wednesday, March 10, 2010, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home of Fort Wayne or to VFW Post 2749 Auxiliary.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Betty Jean Caldwell

LEWIS CENTER, Ohio — Betty Jean Caldwell of Lewis Center, Ohio, died Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, Ind.

William Edsall

SPENCERVILLE — William H. "Bill" Edsall, 48, of Spencerville died Sunday, Feb. 21, 2010, at his home.

There will be no services.

Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Linda Grimes

AUBURN — Linda Kay (Harter) Grimes, a 20-year resident of Auburn, and a beloved mother, was called to her place in heaven at 6:27 a.m. Wednesday, March 10, 2010, after a battle with lung cancer joining her parents, Forrest and Betty Harter, and a grandson.

Ms. Grimes

Linda was born in Greenwood, Ind., and attended Center Grove High School.

She was a respected CNA for Canterbury Assisted Living with 31 years of service.

"Everything I am, I owe to my angel mother".

Linda is survived by two sons, William S. (Kathleen) Eddleman and Robert W. (Barb) Eddleman; two daughters, Christine K. (Craig) Allgood and Michelle L. (Coquis) Patino; 11 grandchildren; a brother, Gary Harter; and a sister, Tanya (Harter) Adams.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, with calling one hour prior, at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Visitation is also Friday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

To sign the guest book, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com

Betty Caldwell

AUBURN — Betty Jean Caldwell, 87, formerly of Auburn, Ind., died Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Calling will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, Ind.

Funeral services will be at noon at the funeral home with Pastor John Erwin officiating.

Burial will be in Hill Cemetery at Ayersville, Ohio.

Lewis Ault

BUTLER — Lewis Allen Ault, 62, went to his heavenly home to join his wife Wednesday, March 10, 2010.

He was born June 30, 1947, in Butler to Martin Lewis and Madge G. (Haynes) Ault. They both survive in Auburn.

He was a maintenance journeyman with Citation (Bohn Aluminum) in Butler for 41 years before his retirement in 2008.

He was a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

He married Judy Smith on August 12, 1967, in Butler and she passed away March 9, 2004.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Joshua and Jennifer Ault of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Allena Ault of Butler and Christina and Troy Schoonover of Butler; five grandchildren, Amanda Schoonover, Eryn Schoonover, Andrea Schoonover, Baylie Ault and Serenity Ault; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Phillip and Janet Ault of Fremont and Max and Sally Ault of Butler.

Services will be 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 13, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, Ind. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate.

Calling is 2 hours prior to the service Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice or New Hope Christian Center.

Mary Goeglein

AUBURN — Mary E. Goeglein, 50, of Auburn died Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at her home.

Services will be at 8 p.m Saturday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

JoAnn Myers

AUBURN — JoAnn M. Myers, 77, died Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at her home in Auburn.

Mrs. Myers was a retired nurse. She then spent several years driving a bus for special needs children in Stockton, Calif.

She was a member of the American Legion Post 97 Auxiliary of Auburn.

She was born Dec. 12, 1932, in Anna, Ill., to Noble and Rosalie (Biggs) Bishop.

She married Ross E. Myers on Feb. 28, 1975. He died Sept. 27, 2009.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Van Felber Jr. and Vicki Felber of Newman, Calif., and Joe Felber Sr. and Virginia Felber of Auburn; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Donald Colvett; a granddaughter; and a grandson.

A memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Glen Francis officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Biddle was forever active

BY JIM SHILANDER
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ANGOLA — Even before he retired from the Fort Wayne Police Department in the mid-1980s, Jerry Biddle had a hard time sitting still.

"His one year behind a desk, he didn't like it," daughter Rebecca Biddle said. "He always preferred being on patrol."

Biddle, who served for 21 years in the Fort Wayne Police, and then in a number of different capacities in Steuben County, died Feb. 24, at this home in Angola, at age 69.

After retiring to Steuben County with his family, Biddle tried to stay active, his wife, Donna Biddle, said.

"He joined the Fremont Police Department, then when Marshal Bobby Moore was killed he said 'What am I doing?' and left," Donna said. "He started driving a bus for Fremont Schools, he worked at The Boat House (on Coldwater Lake), Gay's, he delivered for Tom's Donuts and he worked for Todd Bledsoe for a number of years. He just couldn't sit still. He just enjoyed being around people."

That really wasn't anything new, she noted. While Biddle served in Fort Wayne, he usually had another part-time job as well, she said. He was also heavily involved in with the Fraternal Order of Police, serving as chapter president for a time, and serving on a number of committees. He also helped to found the Police Athletic League's football program, serving as a head coach.

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Jerry Biddle served as a police officer in Fort Wayne for 21 years before retiring to Steuben County, where he worked in a number of capacities. Biddle's family remembered him as a loving father and consumate practical joker.

Donna said she and her husband formally met after he returned home from a stint in the Navy in 1961. "I knew him when he was in high school, but I just knew who he was. I really didn't know him." By chance, she said, her mother would often baby-sit for Biddle's nieces and nephews, and one night she was called in to fill in for her mother. "That's how we first met." Very shortly after, they were dating. Only a few months after that, they were engaged and then married.

Outside of his many different jobs, Biddle did other things to keep himself occupied. Rebecca said he became a serious woodworker after having heart-bypass surgery.

"It was a way to relax and keep himself busy." Biddle built coat racks, a computer stand and many other items.

Biddle was also very active in veteran's organizations as well, including the American Legion. He'd recently become involved with the "Wild Thing," a Vietnam War-era gun truck popular with local veteran's groups. Son David Biddle said his father especially enjoyed getting his grandson Nicholas up on the truck.

"Nick had a really good time with that," David said.

Biddle also had another way of keeping himself busy, his family said.

"He was really a jokester," Donna said. Biddle's family said his pranks could run from the very elaborate to simple.

"One time he had me call his brother who lived close by, to tell him Dad had gotten stuck in the chimney," David said. "Their driveway was full of cars, and the smallest one was in the back, so a few minutes later my uncle and a bunch of people drive up in this little car. Dad was just standing in the garage with a beer in his hand, laughing his head off."

Rebecca noted one time after her uncle had bought her father a Chia Pet. "He got all these different backgrounds and took pictures in front of them, like the Chia Pet was skiing or in Paris."

After retiring, Biddle got to know some of his neighbors. One time, he decided to have a little fun with one of them.

"He got into putting little notes "From a Secret Admirer," on his friend's windshield. He'd do it every day for weeks," Rebecca said.

"It would just make him smile throughout the day."

"The best part was going to coffee and hearing his friend talk about these notes, he could keep a straight face and wouldn't show anything," David said.

Son Lee Biddle said that while his father could be silly, he also did his best to show his children the right way to live.

"He was a good father, someone who was very patriotic, and a well respected policeman," Lee noted.

"He taught all the kids important values and was a great grandfather and father-in-law."

Kathryn Bloom

AUBURN — Kathryn L. Bloom, 90 of Auburn died Saturday March 13, 2010 at her home.

She was born December 26, 1919, in Auburn to Jesse J. and Edna M. (Lobmiller) Pepple.

She worked for 29 years for DeKalb High School and was in charge of the athletic department laundry for many years. She retired in 1996.

Mrs. Bloom

She was a member of St Michael's Catholic Church and a member of the church's Rosary Society. She graduated from Waterloo High School in 1938.

She married Edward J. Bloom on July 1, 1944, in the Rectory of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and he died Oct. 16, 1975.

She is survived by a daughter, Mary K. Bloom of Auburn; a cousin James (Judy) Pepple of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn, 1860 South Center Street, Auburn, and also one hour prior to the service at the church Tuesday. A rosary will be recited Monday at 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Michael's Catholic Church Renovation, DeKalb Memorial Hospice or Masses.

Adeline Busche

ALBION — Adeline Matilda Busche, loving wife, sister, devoted mother, grandmother, and a dear friend to all died early Friday, March 12, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Busche

Matilda, "Tillie" as she was know by most, was born May 31, 1926, to Rollie E. and Mary Speakman in Decatur. During the depression Matilda's large family, consisting of nine children, was met with very hard times and Tillie was sent to live with her Uncle Dwight and Aunt Edna Sheets. Matilda always considered herself fortunate that she was chosen to live with the Sheetses. Tillie attended Central High School in Fort Wayne and during World War II Tillie worked at General Electric.

Matilda and Oscar Herman Busche were married Feb. 11, 1946, in Fort Wayne. Their marriage would encompass 62 years with the passing of Oscar in the spring of 2008. Their first few years of marriage were spent on Oscar's family farm in the Fort Wayne area. In the mid 1950s they would move to the Albion area and set up permanent residence.

Tillie's hobbies included cooking, canning, sewing and quilting. Recently Matilda had been living at the North Ridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Albion.

Tillie is survived her by one daughter, Dianna Lou Mock, and husband, Tim, of Pierceton; three sons, Dwight Allen Busche and wife, Phyllis, Nick Alan Busche and wife, Lori, all of of Albion, and Jerry Allan Busche and fiancee, Mary Jo Cochran, of Columbia City; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grand children; two sisters, Edna "Jean" Goldner of Decatur, Mary Maxine "Pat" Nine of Fort Wayne; and three brothers, William "Bill" Speakman of Garrett, Dwight "Bud" Speakman of Fort Wayne and James "Jim" Speakman now living in Florida.

Tillie was preceded in death by her son, Oscar Herman "Hermie" Busche, in 1959 and her husband, Oscar Busche, in 2008, along with three sisters, Mable Sunderland of Fort Wayne, Della Hitchcock of Decatur and Goldie Reynolds of Decatur .

Services will be Tuesday at noon at Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel.

Calling will be Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday.

Matilda will be laid to rest at Albion's Rose Hill Cemetery immediately following the services.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials be sent to the Alzheimer's Association.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book, visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

STAR

March 15 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Katherine Ford

HAMILTON — Katherine M. Rosenberry Ford, 92, of Auburn and formerly of Hamilton died Saturday, March 13, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Ford had worked in the cafeteria at Hamilton Community Schools for 15 years, retiring in 1983.

She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

She was born in Auburn on Oct. 23, 1917, to Coy L. and Bina B. (Walborn) Dunkle. She married Millard D. Rosenberry on Oct. 26, 1935, in Butler and he died May 29, 1985. She married Shelda J. Ford July 4, 1987, in Butler and he died Oct. 26, 2000.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Leora B. and David Dangler of Waterloo and Joyce L. and Herb Zeigler of Auburn; a stepson, Gerald (Dottie) Ford of Cantonsville, Md.; four grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four stepgreat-grandchildren; and eight stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands; three brothers Darrell, Charles and Bob Dunkle; a grandson, Davey Dangler; and a stepgrandson.

Services will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Rev. David Mathews will officiate.

Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church or Youth for Christ.

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She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands; three brothers Darrell, Charles and Bob Dunkle; a grandson, Davey Dangler; and a stepgrandson.

Services will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Rev. David Mathews will officiate.

Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church or Youth for Christ.

Marilyn McEntarfer

AUBURN — Marilyn J. McEntarfer, 86, of Auburn went to receive her heavenly reward and meet her Lord and Savior Monday, March 15, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. McEntarfer

Mrs. McEntarfer was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Souls Harbor Assembly of God in Auburn.

She was born January 26, 1924, in Corunna to Carroll and Edna (Blanchard) Gushwa.

She married Harold W. McEntarfer on June 28, 1941, in South Bend and he died in 1999.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Bob and Debbie McEntarfer of Michigan Center, Mich., and Wayne and Cindy McEntarfer of Butler; a daughter, Bev McEntarfer of Upper Montclair, New Jersey; six grandchildren, Julia (Edgar) Cabrera, Shelly Brooks, Eric (Kristin) Culbertson, Justin Culbertson, Nathan (Dori) McEntarfer and Lindsae (Cody) Mitchener; 12 great-grandchildren, Kayla Brooks, Scott Cabrera, Elena Cabrera, Emma Culbertson, Aydan McEntarfer, Andrew McEntarfer, Avery McEntarfer, Lillian McEntarfer, Courtney Culbertson, Dylan Culbertson Sullivan Mitchener and Chayton Mitchener.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother Marvin Gushwa; and a great-grandson Brandon Sutton.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday, March 19, 2010, at Souls Harbor Assembly of God Church, Auburn. The Rev. David Snodderly will officiate.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, IN.

Memorials can be directed to Souls Harbor Assembly of God Missions or DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Ileen Ellert

PORT SAINT LUCIE, Fla. — Ileen L. Ellert, 77, of Port Saint Lucie and formerly of Garrett, died Tuesday, March 16, 2010.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, with calling one hour prior to the service. Father Andrew Nazareth will officiate.

Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials are to Treasure Cove Hospice.

Michael Hutter

FORT MYERS BEACH, Fla. — Michael F. Hutter, 73, died March 5, 2010, of Kindred Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla.

He was born Feb. 6, 1937, in Fort Wayne to Joseph Charles Hutter and Anna F. Rahn Hutter. His parents and a brother, John Charles Hutter, preceded him in death.

He married Julie Ann Smith on Dec. 27, 1959, in Butler and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jeffery Michael Hutter of Fort Myers Beach, Fla.; a daughter, Jacqueline Michelle Hutter (Mathew Payne) of Decatur, Ga., and a son, Joseph Charles Hutter (Jennifer) of Buckley, Wash. Mr. Hutter's grandchildren are Ashleigh Carter (John Joseph Jr.) of Cincinnati, Ohio, Sofiya and Aleksandra Payne of Decatur, Ga., and Mia and Mitchell Hutter of Buckley, Wash. His great-grandchildren are John Joseph Carter III and Mac Brayden Carter of Cincinnatti.

Mr. Hutter served for more than three years in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He later received a high school diploma from Central High School in Fort Wayne and graduated from Ball State University in Muncie in 1963 with a degree in education.

Mr. Hutter and family moved to Anaheim, Calif., in 1963, where he taught American history at the junior high school level.

In 1967 he became a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was assigned to the F.B.I. field office in Oklahoma City, Okla. He was transferred to the Miami, Fla., field office in 1968. During his career in Miami, he was Hi-Jacking co-coordinator (Cuba) and participated in the investigation of high profile cases in the areas of Russian counter-intelligence, kidnappings and jewel thefts. He was an innovator in crime scene investigations and taught that subject in police schools conducted by the F.B.I. Mr. Hutter also was the project co-coordinator for the construction of the current F.B.I. Building in Miami.

After retirement in 1987, Mr. Hutter moved to Cape Coral, Fla., where he became Dean of Students at Bishop Verot High School. He retired from that position in 1997.

He moved to Fort Myers Beach, Fla., in 1997, where he resided at the time of his death.

Mr. Hutter was a serious student of American history, particularly the American Civil War and World War II. Over the years he was a master in explaining historical and current events at any level.

Michael's Scottie dogs were his constant companions. "His Scotties were always the smartest Scotties in the universe."

Funeral arrangements were made by Shannon Funeral Home in Bradenton, Fla., assisted by Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

A memorial service for family members will take place in Auburn this summer and will be conducted by Mrs. Hutter's brother, the Rev. Charles W. Smith, of Cedar Springs, Mich.

Donald Dodson

FORT WAYNE — Donald A. "Bubba" Dodson, 73, passed away Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Dodson

Born in South Bend, Ind., Donald worked as a communications technician with GTE for 30 years.

He was a member of 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and was a U.S. Air Force Korean War veteran.

He was a "Die Hard Cubs Fan" and loved all sports, especially golf.

Surviving are his sons, Donald A. (Peggy) Dodson Jr. of LaOtto, Ind., Thomas J. Dodson of Fort Wayne, Robert "Robbie" Dodson of Kendallville, Michael (Kelly) Dodson of Avilla, and John (Lanisa) Dodson of Kendallville; his daughters, Karen F. (Steve) Hicks of Bloomsberg, Pa., and Sue J. Sipes of Spencerville; his stepdaughters, Sheryl L. Figg of Tennessee, Tonya L. Tatem of South Carolina, and Jody L. Lomas of Lafayette, Ind.; a brother, Thomas S. (Sandra) Dodson of San Diego, Calif.; 22 grandchildren; one great-grandchild and his beloved dog, Taz.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents, F. and Lois(Rumpf) Logan; his first wife Ann Marie (Shields) in 1960; his second wife, Pamela S. (Rand) in 1965; and his third wife, Ellen C. Dodson in 2007.

Funeral service is at 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, with calling one hour prior.

Also with visitation on Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Memorials may be made to the Gebalt School For Boys.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com

Jeffrey Lane

SAINT JOE — Jeffrey A. Lane, 47 of Saint Joe died Wednesday March 16, 2010, surrounded by his family and friends at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Lane

Born January 18, 1963, in Hicksville, Ohio, he was a sales representative for Cumberland Millwork and raised Hereford and Angus cattle.

He married Mona E. (Kinsey) Lane on June 30, 2000, in Tennessee.

He was Past Worthy President of Eagles Aerie 2556 in Hicksville, a member of Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Indiana, Forest Lodge 239 F. & A.M. of Butler and the Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne.

His hobbies were riding his Goldwing motorcycle with his wife and friends, cheering on Dale Sr., and Dale Jr. and spending time on his John Deere tractor.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mona of Saint Joe; his mother and stepfather, Leota and Chet Beam of Saint Joe; his father and stepmother, Jim and Ann Lane of Highland Village, Texas; a sister and brother-in-law, Lecia and Andy Brow of Saint Joe; a brother and sister-in-law, Jared and Beth Lane, of Spring, Texas; special nephews, Austen and Landen Brow of Saint Joe; nephew Jack Lane of Texas; niece, Aubrey Lane of Texas; stepson, Josh Warstler of Cincinnati, Ohio; and stepdaughter, Jada Warstler of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Larissa Lane.

Please come to celebrate Jeff's life Saturday at 11 a.m., with visitation one hour prior, at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Chaplain Heath Lisenby will be officiating.

Visitation is also today, Thursday, from 5-8 p.m. and Friday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Fraternal order of Eagles service will be Friday at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Saint Joe, beside his beloved grandfather, Lloyd Schrader.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Humane Society.

The family extends an invitation to all who knew Jeff to come prepared to share a story during the funeral service. To sign the guest book or leave a condolence, visit www.pinningtonmccomb.com

Virgil Bowers

ALBION — Virgil J. Bowers, 93, of Albion died Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett following a brief illness.

Mr. Bowers

Mr. Bowers was employed at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 38 years, retiring in 1980.

He was a graduate of Auburn High School and served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was a member of Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM, Churubusco Order of the Easter Star 136, Knights of the Red Order of Constantine, and the Albion American Legion Post. He had also been a member of the former Albion IOOF.

Mr. Bowers had lived in Fort Wayne and at Blue Lake before moving to Albion in 1968.

He was born Oct. 23, 1916, in Auburn, a son of Homer and Grace (Farver) Bowers. He was married on Jan. 5, 1940, to Alma M. Shull. She preceded him in death on Sept. 13, 2009.

Surviving are his children, Robert R. (Janet) Bowers of Garrett and Dorothy Ann (William) Scheurich of Avilla; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Victor Bowers, and by a great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 1 p. m. Monday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Chaplain Kenneth Weaver officiating. Interment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM will conduct memorial services at 5 p. m. Sunday.

Memorials are to Miller's Merry Manor, 1367 S. Randolph St., Garrett, IN 46738

To leave an online condolence log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Ileen Ellert

PORT SAINT LUCIE, Fla. — Ileen L. Ellert, 77, of Port Saint Lucie and formerly of Garrett, died Tuesday, March 16, 2010.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, with calling one hour prior to the service. Father Andrew Nazareth will officiate.

Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials are to Treasure Cove Hospice.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Lou Miller

AUBURN — Lou Jane Miller, 86, of Auburn died Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker.

She was born April 23, 1923, in Bryan, Ohio, to Ceral and Roxie (Underhill) Dohm.

She married Dr. Darrell Miller on March 26, 1943, in Camp Phillips, Kansas. He passed away October 26, 1982.

Surviving are a daughter, Darilou Potter of Portland, Oregon; a son and daughter-in-law, Douglas and Mary Miller of Auburn; her companion, Ollie Waid of Auburn; and four grandchildren, Ben Miller of Indianapolis, Tessa and Ryan Creager of Fort Wayne, Cameron Potter of Milwaukee, Wis., and Katie Gault of Chicago, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and one brother, Dr. James Dohm.

Calling will be from 2–6 p.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

There will be a private family burial service at Butler Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Eugene Woods

FORT WAYNE — Eugene E. Woods, 64, a resident of Los Lunas, N.M., and formerly of Kendallville, Ind., passed away on Saturday, March 13, 2010.

Mr. Woods

He was a draftsman by trade. Eugene taught drafting for many years and went on to become president of the Indiana Draftsman Association.

After many years in the Drafting Industry, Eugene was ready for a career change and chose the grocery business going to work for Kroger Grocery Chain. His expertise was in the produce section and quickly became manager. Eugene retired after 12 years of exemplary service.

Soon after retirement, he went to work for Walmart as an Associate and was used as a floater, going to each department in several stores to evaluate and make positive changes.

In Eugene's heart, family meant everything to him. His children and grandchildren were the loves of his life and he enjoyed being around them whenever he could.

He was preceded in death by his father, William E. Woods; his mother, Imogene D. Armstrong Woods of Fort Wayne, Ind.; his grandparents, Meryl and Lena Armstrong; his aunts, Norma Smitley, Audrey Stockton and Alice Lovell; and his uncle, Manford P. Armstrong.

Eugene is survived by his children, Sharon Dawn Woods, Carol S. (Terry) Barger, and William R. Woods all of Indiana; his grandchildren, Shawn and Josh Reinholdt, Tabitha (Josh) Newman, and Nicholas Barger; and his sister, Rosalind (Albert) Perea of Los Lunas, N.M.

He is also survived by his extended New Mexico family and friends.

A time of remembrance will be 1 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Calling will be from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Michael Van Slyke

WATERLOO — Michael L. Van Slyke, 45, died Friday, March 12, 2010, in Waterloo after a short illness.

Mr. Van Slyke had resided in Indiana for many years and worked at area farms in the Waterloo area.

He graduated from Northwestern High School in 1983.

He was born in Erie, Pa., on May 24, 1964, to Lawrence and Anna Van Slyke of Cranesville, Pa.

They survive.

Also surviving are a sister, Heather Van Slyke and her children, Lacey Van Slyke and Amber and Jared Braden of Albion, Pa.

His funeral will be private and at the convenience of the family.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is assisting the family with arrangements.

STAR
March 21 2010 Auburn, Indiana

'A good guy and well-liked'

Banker James Carper was dedicated to his community

BY BILL GISEL

AUBURN — Third-generation Auburn banker James H. Carper was a dedicated man — dedicated to his community, to his family and to his friends.

"He was a very good banker," recalled lifetime friend Roger Wertenberger, a competing community banker. "He was good for the community, just a very good citizen."

Mr. Carper

Mr. Carper died Feb. 16 at the age of 82. His banking career at City National Bank of Auburn followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather and ended with his retirement in 1989, but his retirement did not diminish his interests and activities, Wertenberger said.

"We golfed nearly every day," and the two friends lunched weekly with fellow friends Michael Haggarty, Don Brines, Richard Martin and Dr. John Hines. Mr. Carper's interest in golf started when he caddied at the former Auburn Country Club, the predecessor of Greenhurst County Club, and he played football at Auburn High School and later at Wabash College.

According to Wertenberger, Mr. Carper also played bridge very well.

"He had a good mind for playing the game the way it was suppose to be played," he explained. Carper partnered in tournaments with the late Warren Sunday, an Auburn attorney who represented City National Bank.

Mr. Carper counted as a close friend the late Del Johnson, the man most instrumental in bringing about the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival. Mr. Carper was a member and past president of the ACD Museum and volunteered often at the museum in a variety of capacities, from working in the archives to dusting the cars, said his wife of 55 years, Wanda.

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James Carper, second row at left, gathers with his large family.

Mrs. Carper described her husband as "a good guy and very well-liked." She shyly recalled their meeting on a blind date at a Tri Kappa dance in Kendallville, and they married in 1954.

Mr. Carper especially enjoyed time with his family, which included daughters Judy, Jamie and Joanne and son Philip. Mrs. Carper recalled a lifetime of attending innumerable school activities with her husband in support of their children, a practice that continued to include the sporting events of their grandson, Bruce, who is now 13.

Daughter Judy Carper, who teaches at McKenney-Harrison Elementary School in Auburn, fondly remembers times spent — summer and winter — at the family's cottage on Big Long Lake near Kendallville, and many family trips. Ironically, both Carper women said, their father and husband was well known for leaving home without any money.

"He was always forgetting to get any cash," Wanda Carper remarked.

The Carpers attended the Auburn Presbyterian Church, where Mr. Carper served as elder. He supported Youth for Christ through the organization's golf outing, an endeavor of which Mr. Carper was especially proud, his wife said.

Mr. Carper was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and a graduate of Wabash College. Mrs. Carper recently was notified by the college that her husband is being honored by the college with a book dedicated in his memory at the Lilly Library for "wisdom and righteousness" in keeping with the school's motto.

STAR
March 21 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Rosa Wood

AUBURN — Rosa Lea Wood, 64, died Friday, March 19, 2010, at her home in Auburn.

Mrs. Wood

Mrs. Wood was a homemaker.

She was born Nov. 25, 1945, in Fremont, to Noah and Frances (Conley) Gibson.

She married Frank "Tom" Wood on May 13, 1971, in Angola. He died Aug. 17, 2003.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Raymond and Melanie Wood of Angola, Sam Wood of Auburn, Joe Wood of Auburn, and Mike and Crystal Wood of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Maria and Mike Badger of Auburn, and Debbie and Scott Turner of Douglasville, Ga.; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Helen Zimmerman of Brimfield, Faye Ruff of Turtle Lake, Wis., and May Gibson of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; six brothers, Elmer "Ray" Gibson, Delman Gibson, Harley Gibson, Arlin Gibson, Glenn Gibson, and David Gibson; and nine sisters, Lois Gibson, Merty Gibson, Alene Wookman, Lucy Bolen, Patsy Patton, Thelma Coldwell, Ruby McCoy, and Stella Howe.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Quinton Zimmerman officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Raymond Wood.

STAR
March 23 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Former Noble County official dies

ELKHART — Barry G. Fox, age 54, of Elkhart died on Sunday, March 21, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mr. Fox

He was born in LaGrange, Ind., on August 19, 1955, to Brent and Janet (Greene) Fox.

Mr. Fox graduated from East Noble High School in 1974.

He served his country in the United States Marine Corps from 1975 to 1979.

Mr. Fox worked at the Noble County Sheriff's Department as a dispatcher for seven years. He also had worked for Starcraft in Goshen for 10 years and at Martin Supermarket in Elkhart County for the last four years.

He was a founding member of the Noble County EMS and a charter members of the Rome City Sons of American Legion.

Mr. Fox was former EMT and a member of the Rome City Volunteer Fire Department.

He was a former Noble County Commissioner and had been a candidate for Noble County sheriff. He was a candidate in the last election for Elkhart County commissioner. He had served as campaign manager for his brother state Rep. Brad Fox.

Mr. Fox had a lifelong passion for public service.

He loved to be with his family and grandkids.

Survivors include a son, James and Cherrie Fox of Cromwell; three daughters; Alicia and Erik Hoover of Charlotte, N.C., Alison Fox of Goshen and Ashley and Eric Brown of Goshen; seven grandchildren, Alexandria, Dannielle and Dakota Fox, Kaden, Kyler and Kenadi Pierce, and Bailee Brown; a brother, Pat and Karen Fox of Rome City; a sister, Ann and Stan Fraze of Fort Wayne; two sisters-in-law, Paula Fox of Rome City and Maryjo Fox of Flower Mound, Texas; and two uncles, Charlie Knott of Kendallville and Jean Fox of Kendallville

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Brent Fox and Brad Fox.

Visitation will be Wednesday, March 24, 2010, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Rome City United Methodist Church.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at 3 p.m at Rome City United Methodist Church.

Officiating the funeral service will be Mike McKinney.

Preferred memorials may be made to Rome City United Methodist Church and the Rome City Volunteer Fire Department.

View a video tribute by Wednesday, March 24, 2010, or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

STAR

March 24 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Michael Gordon

AVILLA — Michael Wayne Gordon, 56, of Avilla died Monday, March 22, 2010, at 11:45 p.m. in the V.A. Medical Center in Marion.

Mr. Gordon

Mr. Gordon attended Emmanuel St. Michael Lutheran School in Fort Wayne, and graduated from East Noble High School in 1972.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1972-1976, and was stationed at the SAC Air Command in Omaha, Nebraska, and the Air Force Base in Rheinstein, Germany.

He was a computer operator.

Mr. Gordon was a member of the Avilla American Legion Post 240.

Mike was born March 22, 1954, in Columbia City to Ronald and Nancy J. (Deetz) Gordon.

He is survived by two sons, Colin James Gordon and special friend Lesley Malone of Indianapolis and Ethan Michael Gordon of Albion; his mother, Nancy J. Gordon of Avilla; his father and stepmother, Ronald and Dee Gordon of Fremont; four brothers and a sister-in-law, Paul and Beth Gordon of Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin, Roger Gordon of Auburn, John Gordon of Kendallville, and Scott Gordon of Kendallville; two stepbrothers, Kevin and April Robinson of Fremont, and Khris Robinson of Pleasant Lake; a stepsister, Kelly Brown of East St. Louis, Illinois; two nephews, Andrew Gordon and Austin Gordon, both of Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin; a niece, Arrin Gordon of Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin; lifelong friends, Gary and Martha Dafforn of Kendallville and their family, Chris, Lori, Trevor and Meghan and Jenny, Theo, McKenzie and Griffin; and close family friend, Melinda Shepard.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Carla Diane Gordon in 1960; his maternal grandparents, Willis and Mildred "Peg" Deetz; and his paternal grandparents, Lawrence and Elizabeth Gordon.

Calling is Friday, March 26, 2010, from 4-7 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, and one hour prior to the services on Saturday at the church.

Funeral services will be Saturday, March 27, 2010, at 2 p.m. in Emmanuel Lutheran Church, LaOtto, with Pastor Sue Socha and Pastor Phyllis Smoot officiating. Honor guard services will be conducted by American Legion Post 240.

Preferred memorials are to the USO or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Dale DePew

GARRETT — Dale L. DePew, 77, passed away Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

He was born in Ladysmith, Wis., on May 9, 1932, to Clarence and Irma DePew.

He graduated from Ladysmith High School in 1950. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial supervision from IPFW (Purdue) in 1978.

Immediately after high school he entered the National Guard. He then entered the United States Air Force during the Korean War and was discharged as Airman III. He came to Fort Wayne and worked at Magnavox. He then worked on the Dew Line in Alaska. He returned to Fort Wayne and married Lucile Eldridge on Feb. 14, 1959, in the "Little Brown Church in the Vale" in Nashua, Iowa. He then worked at Mutual Security Life Insurance for 25 years, retiring in 1987.

He was very active in American Baptist Men and was the president at one point. He also was a former member of Summit City Chorus.

He is survived by a sister, Kay (Joe) Pfalzqraf of Ladysmith; a nephew, Alan (Cristi) Closs; a niece, Karen (Dan) Brzezinski; great-nephews, Austin and Garrett Closs and Jon and Josh Brzezinski; great-nieces, Danielle and Kyle Brzezinski; and a sister-in-law, Sarah Jean Eldridge of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and sister-in-law, Marjorie Eldridge.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Avenue, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior to service. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to Fort Wayne Baptist Church Memorial Fund or to Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

To sign the online guest book, go to mccomband sons.com

T. Blake Smith

AUBURN — T. Blake Smith, 88, of Auburn, died Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at his home.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. Indian Village Church of God, 602 Erie Pass, Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral and Cremation Services, 502 N. Main Street, Auburn, and one hour prior to services at the church Saturday.

Condolences may be left at Pinnington-McComb.com

Mattison Kuhn

HAMILTON — Mattison Grace Kuhn, stillborn, died Friday, March 12, 2010, at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis.

A private family service will be Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 South Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Memorials are to the family in care of Michael J. Kuhn, 5790 S. 330E, Hamilton, 46742.

T. Blake Smith

AUBURN — T. Blake Smith, 88, passed away Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at his home in Auburn.

The son of Ray and Goldie Smith, Blake married Lois Myers on June 6, 1948.

He had been with the Auburn Fire Department for 20 years, retiring in 1985.

Blake was a member of Indian Village Church of God; had been a County Chairman of the Salvation Army; and had been the Director of the Indian Village Church of God Food Bank for many years where he also had volunteered.

"Blake was a devoted father and grandfather."

He is survived by his daughters, Barbara (Bobby) Shafer of Springfield, Ohio, Beverly (Steve) Treesh of Montgomery, Ala., and Diana (Tom) Ellert of Waterloo; his sons, Robert P. (Tina) Smith of Rome City, Roger L. (Linda) Smith of Springfield, Mo., and David A. (Ann) Smith of Moultrie, Ga.; 16 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; his sisters, A. Lela Allen of Indianapolis, Mary Ellen McInturf of Sun City, Ariz., and Shelba Shuff of Garrett; and his brothers, Warren C. Smith and Donald L. Smith, both of Auburn.

Blake was preceded in death by his beloved wife in 1993; his parents; his sisters, Effie Mahlum and Katherine Decker; and his brothers Dale, John Delmar and Edgar A. Smith.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Indian Village Church of God, 602 Erie Pass, Auburn, with calling one hour prior to service The Rev. Raymond Warner will be officiating.

Calling will also be at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, today, Friday, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery with honors by the Auburn Fire Department.

Memorials may be made to the Indian Village Church of God Food Bank; Youth for Christ; or to his granddaughter, Marianne and Roy Bodongen, who are missionaries in the Philippines.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.Pinnington McComb.com

Dixie Babcock

HUDSON — Dixie Ann Babcock, 64, of McClish Lake near Hudson died Thursday, March 25, 2010, at her home.

Mrs. Babcock retired from Weatherhead-Dana after 33 years of service.

She was born June 28, 1945, in Auburn to Arthur and Vivian (Stomm) Northouse. She married Hugh G. Babcock on Oct. 9, 1976. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Annie Northouse of Fort Wayne and Brian and Angela Babcock of Auburn; a stepson, Eric Babcock of Pleasant Lake; a stepdaughter, Trudy Kurtz of Angola; a brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Rita Northouse of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and four stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, James Northouse.

Private family services will be held.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Hudson United Brethren Church

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Diana Alderman

BERNE — Diana Lynn Alderman, age 64, died Thursday, March 25, 2010, at 11:05 a.m. at Chalet Village in Berne following an extended illness.

Mrs. Alderman

She was born in Garrett and married David Ross Alderman.

Surviving are her husband, David Ross Alderman of Berne; a daughter, Lara (David) Frame of Valdosta, GA; a son, Damon (Julie) Kleinknight of Decatur, IN; her mother, Elaine Kizer of Garrett, IN; and her grandchildren: Amber and Cody Frame; Jade, Blake and Trae Kleinknight.

A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Monday, March 29, 2010, in the Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, IN.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until time of the service on Monday at the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home.

For complete obituary information and to sign the online guestbook, visit www.zwickjahn.com

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Standoff ends in death

Police kill man who shot estranged wife, held her hostage

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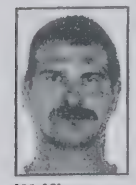
WATERLOO Police shot and killed a Butler man who had seriously wounded his estranged wife, ending a standoff of more than five hours Friday in a home east of Waterloo.


W. King

Wayne A. King, 38, of the 100 block of South Park Lane, was shot once by police after he reportedly fired several times at police officers as they attempted to enter the home.

Dawn R. King, 40, was rescued by police and flown to Fort Wayne's Lutheran Hospital for treatment of severe gunshot wounds to both legs, according to Sgt. Rod Russell, public information officer for the Indiana State Police.

The standoff began at 11:38 a.m. when police were called to a domestic disturbance at 4155 U.S. 6, Russell said. Police did not know why or how the disturbance began.

At first, four people were inside the home — Wayne King, Dawn King and two children. The children escaped and fled to a nearby residence.

"The neighbor is the one that called us," said DeKalb County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Jay Oberholtzer. "The neighbor's husband went over to the house. You can hear on the 911 call that he returned to his house and that Wayne King had a weapon. That's when it escalated."

The neighbors, who wished to remain anonymous, said during the standoff that they had Dawn King's "little girl and puppy" safely in their custody.

"It turned into a volatile situation very quickly," Russell said.

Wayne King fired at the first responding officers - - police counted eight shots from a 12-gauge shotgun that came through the home's windows, Russell said. Officers did not return fire, instead calling for backup, Russell added.

"Communications were made

JEFF JO

Police officers, one wearing camouflage assault gear, crouch behind police cars for cover during an armed standoff Friday afternoon east of Waterloo.

Victim had obtained protective order

FROM STAFF REPORTS

DeKalb County court documents show Dawn King had obtained a protective order against Wayne King Feb. 1, indicating she feared harm.

Criminal court documents show Wayne King had a history more than 20 arrests dating back to 1989, including five arrests for battery, along with alcohol-related crimes, resisting law enforcement and drug offenses.

On Feb. 18, 2008, Wayne King was arrested on charges of domestic battery and domestic battery with a child present. According to a case summary, Dawn King, then known as Dawn Cumings, was involved in the case.

On May 7, 2009, Wayne King was sentenced to one year of probation and was fined $1 for resisting law enforcement. He also was fined $150 and court costs for domestic battery, a Class A misdemeanor.

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STANDOFF: *Police deployed 'flash-bang' devices*

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by officers with one of the occupants of the home," Russell said. "They continued to talk with Mr. King, and he did indicate that he shot his wife, but that she was injured and still alive.

"Officers called for additional assistance and emergency medical personnel, but were unable to approach the residence because the suspect was armed and continued firing upon the officers," Russell said.

A DeKalb County Sheriff's Department spokesman said King attempted to treat his wife's wounds.

Hostage negotiators established contact with Wayne King and also spoke with Dawn King at different times during the incident, Russell said.

"(Negotiators made) several attempts to have him surrender and end this situation so (she) could obtain medical treatment," Russell said.

Negotiators met several demands made by Wayne King, but Russell did not elaborate on what those demands were.

"He continued to be very uncooperative and refused to release (Dawn King) so she could obtain medical treatment," Russell stated.

Negotiations broke down and were re-established on several occasions, Russell explained.

"It was determined the situation needed to end for the sake and safety of Mrs. King," he said.

JEFF JONES

Police officers retrieve equipment after a man was shot and killed in this rural Waterloo home Friday afternoon. The man shot and held his estranged wife hostage for more than five hours.

At 5 p.m., a member of the Indiana State Police Emergency Response Services Team fired one shot, striking Mr. King.

Police deployed several distraction devices, known as "flash-bangs," just before officers attempted to enter the home, according to Russell.

Officers rushed into the home and rescued Dawn King. She was wheeled on a stretcher to a Lutheran Air Ambulance, which had been waiting near the standoff scene for some three hours.

Dawn King had been shot in both legs, but Russell did not know if one or more gunshots had caused those wounds. Police believe she was shot before police received the initial call.

Wayne King was pronounced dead by the DeKalb County Coroner's Office.

U.S. 6 was closed to all traffic until almost 7 p.m. as police investigated.

At the start of the standoff, uniformed police officers and officers in special tactics gear and ballistic helmets — all carrying rifles — crouched behind squad cars and structures around the home. Other officers moved across a field behind houses on the north side of U.S. 6 while additional officers used the Norfolk Southern railroad right-of-way on the south side of the road to move closer to the home.

In addition to the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, Waterloo Marshal's Department and Indiana State Police, other responding agencies included the Auburn, Angola, Butler and LaGrange police departments; Noble, Steuben and LaGrange county sheriff's departments; LaGrange Police; Indiana Conservation Officers, Waterloo Fire Department and DeKalb EMS.

Esther Dirr

FORT WAYNE — Esther M. (Benjamin) Dirr, 102, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, March 25, 2010.

Services will be at noon Monday at Forrest Park United Methodist Chruch, 2100 Kentucky Ave. in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be two hours prior to the services.

Memorials are to the church.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

STAR
March 28 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Miss Diggins lived life with gusto

BY DENNIS HARTKER
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KENDALLVILLE — Her seven nieces thought it would be wonderful to grow up to be just like their Aunt Joyce, confident, independent and self-sufficient.

"Aunt Joyce made it quite all right to be an old maid at a time when it wasn't socially all right. She took the old out and kept up with anyone half her age," commented her niece, Jan Diggins.

Family and friends called Miss Diggins "AJ" for her love of fast cars like her black Ford Mustang. Trinity Church United Methodist minister Scott Pattison recalled the time her niece Nancy Gleffe was accompanying her aunt on a drive out West. Her aunt floored it to pass a semi. The car's speed kept increasing. Her aunt's response to her niece's concern: "You've got to go fast to pass."

Joyce Needham Diggins loved life. She embraced all of life. Lived her life full tilt with gusto, said Pattison. Miss Diggins passed away on Saturday, March 6, 2010, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was 86.

"Aunt Joyce was my aunt and best friend," said Gleffe. "She is really missed."

In a poem dedicated to Miss Diggins, her second cousin Karen Kirlin Strate from Utah wrote:

"Joyce Diggins, the last of the breed
Your life was honorable, and you lived your creed
Glad I got to know you better and see your love of life
And the good you did for others who might be in strife."

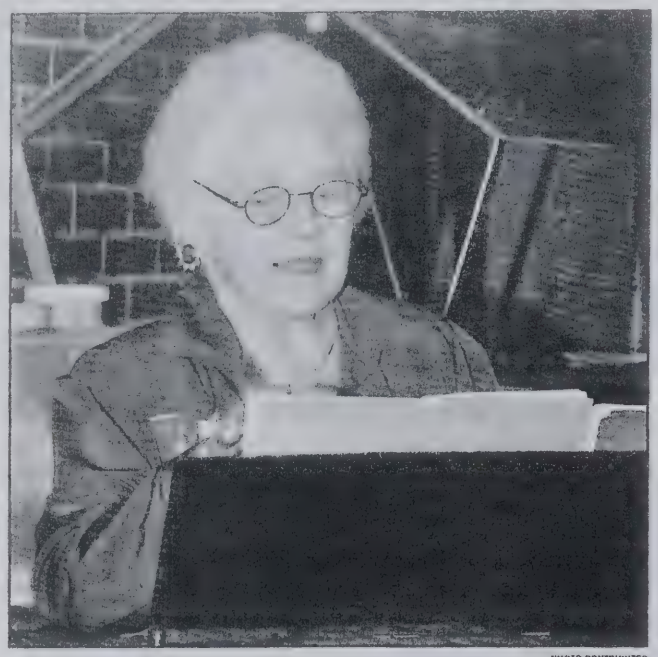
Miss Diggins was born June 29, 1923, in Wolcottville to Harold Howard and Ruth Marie (Needham) Diggins. A graduate of Ball State Teachers College, she retired after 39 years of teaching elementary school in Elkhart, Middlebury, and 28 years at North Side Elementary School in Kendallville.

She started teaching at Monger School in Elkhart in 1945. Her first-grade class had 45 kids in it. Gleffe has a photo of that class, and said her aunt saved nearly all of the school photos of each class she taught.

"It was always a great treat to be able to go to school with her," recalled Gleffe. "I loved being in her classroom. It was always decorated for each holiday. She kept that tradition at home, too."

Gleffe remembers her aunt telling her how much she enjoyed teaching at North Side in Kendallville.

"AJ told me a few years back that she wished she hadn't retired as early as she did. She missed the classroom." Gleffe said her aunt never regretted moving to Kendallville to teach at North Side. "Joyce was an intense teacher," said Pattison. "She took seriously her passion to help raise the next generations."



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Joyce Diggins plays the piano and leads Rotarians in singing at a Kendallville Rotary Club meeting last year. Diggins played and sang at Rotary meetings for 17 years.

Her musical talent was enjoyed by members of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, where she played the organ for many years, and Kendallville Rotarians who welcomed her rousing piano tunes at weekly Rotary meetings from 1992 to 2009.

"She loved to play music in the church, and had a way of connecting with people," said Pattison.

Heidi Ramer, Kendallville Rotary Club president, recalled fondly how much Miss Diggins loved to play the piano at Rotary meetings.

"Joyce thoroughly enjoyed her time with the Rotary Club. Singing is such an integral part of Rotary, and as Joyce aged, she made our singing experience much more entertaining," Ramer said.

About a month before she died, Miss Diggins agreed to play for the Kendallville Rotary Valentine party. She played love songs and was formally recognized for her years of service to the Kendallville Rotary Club.

"How fortunate we were to have been touched by her talents and blessed with her smile for so many years," said Ramer.

In February 2006 on the 100th anniversary of the founding of Rotary International, Diggins was named a Rotary Fellow and a $1,000 donation to the Rotary Foundation was made in her name.

Miss Diggins dressed like a lady.

"She embraced high heels and coordinated outfits," said Pattison. "She spent a lot of time at Ruth's Dress Shop (in Kendallville)." At Rotary Club meetings she was always dressed to the nines with high heels in a variety of colors to match each of her vibrant outfits, recalled Ramer. She was an avid member of the Red Hat Society.

Jan Diggins said when she thinks of AJ, she thinks of her flair for life, for color, for music. "The flair was always with her, and the melody of her life lifted us all," she said.

Miss Diggins is survived by seven nieces, two nephews, 21 great-nieces and nephews and five great-great nieces and nephews.

She is buried in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Preferred memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist or the Eastern Star.

STAR
March 28 2010 Auburn, Indiana

'We couldn't wait for her dying'

Hostage negotiator explains why police killed gunman

BY DAVE KURTZ
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WATERLOO — Police killed a gunman to save the life of his hostage Friday in rural Waterloo, a state police detective said.

After a 5 1/2-hour standoff, a state police sniper took down Wayne King, 38, of Butler with a single shot through a window just after 5 p.m.

Officers then rushed King's estranged wife, Dawn King, 40, of Waterloo to a helicopter that flew her for hospital treatment of her gunshot wound.

"Her health was in serious danger," Indiana State Police Detective Mark Heffelfinger said Saturday morning. "We knew that she was getting ill. We felt by her reaction that she was possibly going into shock. We had to get in to get her."

During the course of the ordeal, Heffelfinger said, "It became apparent that we had to act to save her life. He made numerous statements that he was not going to give up, not going to let her go."

W. King

The hospital listed Dawn King in stable condition Saturday afternoon, the detective said.

The incident began around 11:30 a.m. when Wayne King came to Dawn King's home on U.S. 6, east of Waterloo, and confronted her. He eventually shot her in the right ankle with a .12-gauge shotgun, Heffelfinger said.

Possibly before the shooting, Dawn King's daughter ran to the house next door, where the residents called 911 for help. When police arrived, Wayne King greeted them with gunfire, and the standoff began. Eventually dozens of police officers surrounded the home, many in assault gear.

A trained hostage negotiator, Heffelfinger arrived and began speaking with the gunman by telephone. He learned that Wayne King had bandaged Dawn King's wound, and Heffelfinger said he was able to speak with her several times.

Heffelfinger

During the standoff, police met Wayne King's demands for cigarettes and something to drink. They used an armored car to approach the house, then took cover behind shields to walk closer and toss the

DYING: *Man resisted pleas to release Dawn King or end the standoff*

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requested items toward the door.

At those times and others, officers could have shot Wayne King, Heffelfinger said.

"He had been vulnerable for hours, and we did not want to do anything," the detective said. "What we want is for any hostage to be released and for his surrender safely."

But Wayne King resisted pleas to release Dawn King or to end the standoff.

He fired shots at random through a window of the house, shot at vehicles in the driveway and blasted several things inside the house.

"As time progressed, by his actions, behavior and his words he indicated that he felt it was going to end in a negative way no matter what happened," Heffelfinger said. "He said he was not going to go back to prison."

King had compiled a record of some 20 arrests over the past two decades for a variety of charges, including five incidents involving battery.

The couple also had engaged in past domestic disputes that required police to intervene.

On Feb. 1, Dawn King went to court to obtain a protective order that banned Wayne King from having any contact with her. That step seemed to play a role in motivating Friday's attack, Heffelfinger said.

> *"Ultimately, it seemed like he was suicidal."*
>
> Mark Heffelinger
> Hostage negotiator

"Ultimately, he seemed like he was suicidal," he said about King.

"Ultimately, he was not going to leave that property alive. We couldn't wait for her dying, also," Heffelfinger added.

"We tried and tried and tried for four, five, six hours" to end the situation peacefully, he said. "We tried until we thought, 'We just can't wait any longer.'"

A state police command officer made the decision to order the sniper to shoot, Heffelfinger said. Wayne King fell, and police rushed the house, using distracting explosions in case the gunman had survived the bullet.

"I know the decision was right, because her condition was not good when she got out of there," Heffelfinger said about Dawn King.

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Mabel Steininger

AUBURN — Mabel L. "Peggy" Steininger, 94, of Auburn died Friday, March 26, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Steininger was born in Royal Center, Ind., on Nov. 7, 1915 to Clarence and Della (Leavell) McDougle.

She was a bookkeeper for The Evening Star Newspaper in Auburn and Electric Motors in Garrett. She retired in 1980.

She was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, and was a member and past president of the Auburn Garden Club.

She married Emmett Steininger on Oct. 10, 1936 in her parent's home near Twelve Mile, Ind. He survives.

Also surviving are four children and spouses, Judith and Dewain Johnson, Indianapolis, Don and Kathy Steininger, Fort Wayne, Betty and Larry Theel, Overland Park, Kans., and Barbara and Russell Hoff, of Auburn; a son-in-law, Dr. Gerard Reed, Spring, Texas; two sisters, Ellen Johnson, Crown Point, Ind., and Delores Dennison, Columbia City; nine grandchildren, Bradley Johnson, Stephanie (Brett) Frankhauser, Trent (Shelley) Theel, Scott (Ginger) Johnson, Alison Hoff, Travis (Rachelle) Theel, Kisha Steininger, Ryan (Maura) Hoff and Toby (Marci) Theel; and 18 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Roberta Reed, and three brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at the Auburn Church of the Nazarene. Dr. Gerard Reed and the Rev. Dan White will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Monday, March 29, 2010 at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials can be directed to the church.

Charles Steinbacher

GARRETT — Charles L. Steinbacher, 99, of Garrett and formerly of Noble County died Sunday, March 28, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery in Wolf Lake.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the funeral service Wednesday.

William Hays

GARRETT — William H. "Bill" Hays, 80, of Garrett died Sunday, March 28, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-5 p.m. Tuesday at Thomas Funeral Home at Garrett.

Memorials are to Garrett United Methodist Church or Miller's Merry Manor Activities Department.

Eunice Heitz

GARRETT — Eunice M. Heitz, 96, of Garrett died Saturday, March 27, 2010, at her home.

Mrs. Heitz was a homemaker.

She was a member of Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

She was born Feb. 25, 1914, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to John S. and Alice (Garber) Flory. She married J. Emory Heitz April 17, 1942, in Garrett. He died May 10, 2003.

Surviving are a son, John and Sandy Heitz of Kendallville; a daughter, Sharon Heitz of New Haven; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Kenneth Heitz; four brothers; and a sister.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren at Garrett with the Rev. Keith Davis officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

Memorials are to Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

To send condolences on sign the online guest book go to www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Wayne King

BUTLER — Wayne Allen King, 38, of Butler died Friday, March 26, 2010, in Waterloo.

Services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn. Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Rick Wicker

FORT WAYNE — Rick Wicker, 55, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, March 27, 2010, in Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wicker was a truck driver for Cripes Mobile Home Transport in Laketon.

He enjoyed fixing things and loved working on vehicles. He was an outdoorsman.

He was born July 13, 1954, in Garrett to Frank and Minnie (Yates) Wicker.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Emily and Shane Hug of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Kelsey Lilly, Kara Lilly, Kalob Lilly and Chloe Hug; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Lena and Tim Huelsenbeck of Avilla and Pam and Tim Nance of Laketon; two brothers and a sister-in-law Ken Wicker of Florida and James and Tammy Griffey of North Manchester; and his stepfather, Moses Griffey of Wabash.

He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Wicker; his mother, Minnie Griffey; a brother, Dennis Wicker; and a sister, Sandra Wicker.

Funeral services will be at noon Tuesday, March 30, 2010, in Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church, Lisbon, with elders of the church officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Casket-bearers will be Morris Wicker, Tim Huelsenbeck, Kalob Lilly, Shane Hug, Josh Foxworthy and Daniel Huelsenbeck.

Calling is from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday at the church.

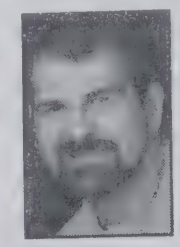
Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Wayne King

BUTLER — Wayne Allen King, 38, of Butler died Friday, March 26, 2010, in Waterloo.

God looked around his garden and found an empty place. He then looked down upon earth, and saw your tired face. He put his arms around you, and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful, he always takes the best. He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb. So he closed your weary eyelids, and whispered "Peace be Thine." It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.



Mr. King

Mr. King was born April 23, 1971, in Auburn. His father, Jack David King, is deceased. His mother and stepfather, Janet (Rottger) and Robert Zimmerman, survive in Butler.

As one of his achievements, Wayne earned an associate degree from Ball State University in 2006. One of his greatest passions, other than serving the Lord, was riding his Harley-Davidson. He was an amazing man with a huge heart and a friend to many.

Even though he was tired and ready to go, we weren't quite ready to let him go. Until we see you again, our lives will be forever changed without you. You will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his wife, Dawn King; two stepdaughters; his children, Kylee Sue King, Jaron and Seth; two brothers and two sisters, Doris Henry of Fort Wayne, Michael (Joyce) King of Butler, James (Lisa) Shirks of Spencerville and Melissia (Troy) Bungard of Waterloo; and his grandmother, Euna Mae Sexton of Jonesville, Va.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Barbara Miller

AUBURN — Barbara Elizabeth Miller, 77, of Auburn died Sunday, March 28, 2010.

She was born May 20, 1932, in Greenville, Pa., to John and Katy Miller.

She is survived by a brother, Val (Barbara) Miller Sr. of Sandy Lake, Pa.; a sister, Amanda Repp of Bryan, Ohio; nieces, Barbara Miller-Smith of California, Meri Beth Miller of Auburn; nephews, John (Carolyn) Miller of Chicago and David (Debbie) Miller of Gosport, Ind., and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Dutch Miller; and a nephew, Val J Miller Jr.

There will be no calling or services.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn are in charge of arrangements.

Mabel Campbell

ANGOLA — Mabel A. Campbell, 63, of Angola died Sunday March 28, 2010, at her home.

Mrs. Campbell was a homemaker and had also worked at Tri-State University for a few years.

She was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Angola and the Pythian Sisters.

She was born Dec. 7, 1946, in Garrett to Robert and Cathern (Stillwell) Hensinger. She married Chester C. Campbell on Dec. 24, 1968, in Auburn and he survives.

Also surviving are four sons, William and Allen Campbell, both of Farwell, Mich., Alan Campbell of Angola and Jim Campbell of Ashley; three daughters, Janett Brown of Butler, Cathern Book of Angola, and Norma Morales of Angola; two brothers, Raymond Hensinger of St. Joe and Owen Hensinger of Garrett; a sister, Laura Lawhead of Garrett; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Timothy, a brother, Robert, and her parents.

Funeral services will be at noon Thursday at the H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway St., Butler. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service Thursday.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Friends may sign a guest book at www.hejohnsonfh.com

Ronald Parrish

GARRETT — Ronald H. Parrish, 76, of Garrett died Sunday March 28, 2010, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Parrish

He was born February 4, 1934, in Fort Wayne to the late Lake and Amelia Parrish.

He retired from Auburn Gear in 1998 after 25 years of service.

He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, a national horse shoe pitcher, a NASCAR fan and enjoyed playing softball.

He is survived by his wife of 14 years, Doris Parrish of Garrett; his sons and daughters-in-law, David and Shelia Parrish of Auburn, Mark Parrish of Garrett and Steve and Shari Parrish of Auburn; his daughters and sons-in-law, Ronda and Dick Marckel of Fremont, Laurie Davidson of Auburn and Jodie Parrish of Garrett; his stepson, Guy Compton of Garrett; his stepdaughters and their husbands, Anne Marie and Bobby Allen of Albion and Cappie and Travis Fifer of Waterloo; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife of 39 years, Nancy Parrish; two brothers, Robert and Donald Parrish, and a daughter-in-law, Vickie Parrish.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, with calling one hour prior, at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main S., Auburn.

Visitation also will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

To sign the online guest book or leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington mccomb.com

Jack Stiver

KENDALLVILLE — Jack E. Stiver, 84, of Kendallville died Sunday, March 28, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was born in Kendallville on June 17, 1925, to Dr. Olin E. and Perle (Poyser) Stiver.

He graduated from Kendallville High School as the valedictorian of the class of 1943.

As a lifelong Kendallville resident, he worked as a bookkeeper, first for Trendline Furniture and later for Miller's Truck Stop on U.S. 6.

He loved to travel and had created a pictorial scrapbook of his travels to all 92 Indiana courthouses.

He also enjoyed reading and listening to opera.

Jack lived most recently at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, where, even though his health was declining, he continued to perform his civic duties — keeping up with current events via a subscription to The News Sun, voting in elections, and donating his monthly allowance to various charities.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Jean Cochard; and brother-in-law, DeWitt Cochard.

Surviving are three nephews, Lee (Kathy) Cochard of Auburn, Dr. Larry (Susan) Cochard of Evanston, Ill., and Lynn (Kim) Cochard of Kendallville; and two nieces: Karen Burtnette of Fort Wayne, and Kathy Cochard of Bloomington.

There will be no viewing or services.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Beatrice McPherson

AUBURN — Beatrice McPherson, 61, of Auburn, entered into the kingdom of heaven with her family at her side Monday, March 29, 2010, 9:45 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. McPherson

Born December 14, 1948, in Hazel Green, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Zack and Opal Fugate.

She attended the Freedom to Worship Church of God and enjoyed cooking, shopping, reading the Bible, going to garage sales and spending time with her family.

She married the love of her life Christopher "Lum" McPherson on August 8, 1964, in Clintwood, Va., and he survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are six children that she called her "Doodles" — daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Darrel Brandenburg of Auburn, Tammy and James Kessler of Garrett, Christine and Kim Payton of Auburn and Debbie and Rich Hall of Waterloo; sons and daughters-in-law, Christopher E. "Little Lum" and Leta McPherson of Paulding, Ohio, and Zack "Abbie" and Jennifer McPherson of Auburn; sisters, Viola Clair of Galion, Ohio, Anita Rhodes of Auburn, Joyce Cook of Monticello, Ky., Helen Bailey of Butler and Mary Maggert of Butler; brothers, John Fugate of Auburn; a daughter in Christ, Lois Freeman of Corunna; a foster son, Steve "Popeye" Weir of Fort Wayne; a foster daughter, Jean Rodman of Wabash; 19 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Rudell Fugate.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m., with calling two hours prior at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. The Rev Bobby and Shelia Stanley will be officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Visitation also is on Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or Freedom to Worship Church of God.

To sign the online guest book, or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinningtonmccomb.com

Robert Walker

AUBURN — Robert L. Walker, 76, passed away Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at his home with his family by his side.

Mr. Walker

Bob was born in Ferndale, Michigan, and moved to Auburn in 1954.

He retired from Dana Corp. in 1993.

Bob was active in the community. He was a former member and past president of the Auburn Jaycees and was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge.

He loved his family, gardening, planting trees and making people laugh. His nickname was "Bobby Appleseed."

He married Harriett Wyne on January 29, 1955, and she survives. He is also survived by his children, Janet and Larry of Michigan, Sue Greuter and companion Greg Stahl of Auburn, Robert of Auburn, and Connie Baughman of Pleasant Lake; four grandchildren, Jason and Amy Greuter, Steven Greuter and companion Angela Strong, Nichole Baughman, William Baughman; two stepgrandchildren, Brian and Pam of Michigan and Kyle and Jeri of Minnesota; three great-grandchildren, Emily Greuter, Alyssa Greuter and Kelsee Greuter; six stepgrandchildren, Chelsea, Damon, Ray Scott, Breanna of Michigan, Wyatt and Tyona of Minnesota; one brother; and five sisters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and three sisters.

Mary Pivee

ASHLEY — Mary E. Pivee, 94, formerly of Ashley died Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

There are no services or calling.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday April 2, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Pastor Steve Ardhuerumly will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be today, Thursday April 1, 2010, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. A Moose Lodge Service will be held today at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the American Diabetes Association or to the family.

Andrew Brandon

LAOTTO — Andrew N. Brandon, 24, of LaOtto died Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Andrew was born October 19, 1985, in Auburn to Tim and Lori (Leas) Brandon of LaOtto.

Mr. Brandon

He was a student at Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne.

He was active in and loved to play hockey in the Fort Wayne Hockey League. He also loved skiing, snowboarding, riding his motorcycle, the Miami Dolphins, Detroit Red Wings and the Cleveland Indians.

He is survived by his parents; a brother and sister-in-law, Matthew and Niki Brandon of Rome City; a niece Keira Celeste Brandon; a nephew Xander Aidan Brandon; and his grandmothers, Wava Brandon Sebert of Auburn and Jane Leas of Kendallville.

Funeral services will be noon Friday, April 2, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 Center St., Auburn. The Rev John Ault will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today, Thursday April 1, 2010, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and also 1 hour prior to the service Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Riley Hospital in Indianapolis.

Craig Douglas

GARRETT — Craig Douglas, 56, died Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Douglas had been a truck driver for USF Holland for 18 years.

Mr. Douglas

He was a member of the Teamsters No. 414.

Mr. Douglas was also a member of the Leo United Methodist Church.

A devoted husband, loving father and proud grandpa, he will be missed greatly.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was the son of the late Otho and Anne Douglas.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Kathleen; son, Jared (Tonya) of Auburn; a daughter, Laura (Randy) Stegall of Deland, Fla.; brothers, Thomas, Gary and Steven Douglas; sisters, Karen Miller and Susan Reinking; one granddaughter, Sarah Stegall, and Gracie Douglas who is due any day.

He is preceded in death by a daughter, Sarah Ann Douglas in 2002; and sister, Sharon Douglas.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 3, 2010, at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior to service.

Calling is also Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

He will be laid to rest by his daughter at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to the Sarah A. Douglas Memorial Scholarship Fund.

To send online condolences or to sign the guestbook, please visit www.covingtonmemorial.com

Donna Mullen

AUBURN — Donna R. Mullen, 74, died Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born April 16, 1935, in Crisman, Ind., to Sidney W. and Mildred G. (Bonham) Hawkinson. Her parents have preceded her in death.

She was a secretary for food service for the Portage Schools.

Mrs. Mullen was a very active member and was an organist for the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

She married Robert R Mullen on December 23, 1955, in Portage, Ind., and he survives.

She is also survived by a son, Mark D. (DeLynn) Mullen of Portage; two daughters, Sharon D. (Daniel) Hunt of Auburn and Dina M. Johnson of Chicago,; a sister, Arlene Owen of Florida; and seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo with calling two hours prior to the service from 1 until 3 p.m.

Additional services will be held Saturday at 4 p.m. at Rees Funeral Home in Portage, with calling there from 1 to 4 p.m. Burial will follow the service Saturday in Portage at the McCool Cemetery in Portage.

Memorials can be directed to the American Cancer Society.

Beulah Grate

CORUNNA — Beulah M Grate, 83, died Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was born May 15, 1926, in Bloomington, Ill., to Walter and Grace (Hale) Rose. Her parents have preceded her in death.

She worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne then as a telephone operator for McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville. She had also worked for Albion Production Credit Association for 29 years before retiring in 1986.

She was a member of the Presbyterian First Church of Fort Wayne, and Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

She graduated in 1944 from Kendallville High School.

She married Harold Grate on January 16, 1976, in Auburn and he survives.

She is also survived by her stepchildren, Sharon Kennedy of Auburn, Janet (Dave) Gafken of Auburn, Steven (Denise) Grate of Waterloo, Ronald (Lori) Grate of Corunna, Kevin (Amy) Grate of Corunna and Sheila (Mark) Stonebraker of Corunna; a sister, Helen Ream of Huntsville, Ala.; a brother Earl Rose Sr. of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville; 19 stepgrandchildren; and 15 stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Judy Baird; and a brother, Donald Rose.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Betz Activity Fund, the Fairfield Cemetery or Corunna Fire Department.

John Kline

ALBION — John D. Kline, 69, of Albion went home to be with his Lord and Savior after a long battle with diabetes at 9:40 a.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

John was born on December 23, 1940, in Kendallville to the late Alfred and Mildred (Coffelt) Kline. On December 17, 1960, in the E.U.B. Church in Albion he married Diana (Rathke) Kline. She survives in Albion. They would of celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary later this year.

Mr. Kline

He retired from Group Dekko after 20 years of service in maintenance. Prior to that he worked 13 years for International Harvester in Fort Wayne and a few years for Conrail.

He was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

He loved to spend time out in his garage building and tearing apart different things. He also loved to drive his kids around the yard on his tractor.

He is survived by his wife Diana (Rathke) Kline; a son, Jon M. Kline of Auburn; two daughters, Janetta and John Martinez of Defiance, Ohio, and Joanna M. Kline of Auburn; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; four brothers, Kurb and Sharon Kline of Mansfield, Ohio, Kenny Kline of Kendallville, Jim and Diane Kline of Kendallville and Larry and Terry Kline of Kendallville; and three sisters, Pat Geinger of Kendallville, Sue Meyers of Chico, Calif., and Mary Parvu of Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 3, 2010, at the Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. The Rev. Bret Frymier will officiate the service.

Cremation will follow the service.

Visitation will be on Friday, April 2, 2010, from 3-8 p.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to the Diabetes Foundation or to Parkview Noble Hospice.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

Donna Mullen

AUBURN — Donna R. Mullen, 74, died Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born April 6, 1935, in Crisman, Ind., to Sidney W. and Mildred G. (Bonham) Hawkinson. Her parents have preceded her in death.

She was a secretary for food service for the Portage Schools.

Mrs. Mullen was a member at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett. She was an active member and organist at number of churches in the Portage and Whiting area.

She married Robert R Mullen on December 23, 1955, in Portage, Ind., and he survives.

She is also survived by a son, Mark D. (DeLynn) Mullen of Portage; two daughters, Sharon D. (Daniel) Hunt of Auburn and Dina M. Johnson of Chicago,; a sister, Arlene Owen of Florida; and seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with calling two hours prior to the service from 1 until 3 p.m.

Additional services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Rees Funeral Home in Portage, with calling there from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Burial will follow the service Saturday in Portage at the McCool Cemetery in Portage.

Memorials can be directed to the American Cancer Society.

Ed Walters

AUBURN — Ed Walters of Auburn died Thursday, April 1, 2010, at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Walters

Mr. Walters was a self-employed farmer and worked construction all his life.

He enjoyed outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, and spending time in the woods. He especially liked to tell a joke and share a humorous story with his family and friends.

He was born August 14, 1963, in Auburn to Dave and Ruth (Friend) Walters. They both survive in Auburn.

He is survived by his companion Cindy Wood of Auburn; his former wife, Jane Hollabaugh; and two daughters, Elizabeth Walters and Addie Walters both of St. Joe.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Susie Bishop and Annette Bowman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at the Auburn First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ted Jansen and the Rev. O. Dale Williams officiating.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Monday, April 5, 2010, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and one hour prior to the service at the church Tuesday. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to Auburn First United Methodist Church, DeKalb Eastern Community Foundation or the charity of the donor's choice.

Frederick Richey

AUBURN — Fredrick J. Richey, 72, of Auburn died Thursday, April 1, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Richey

He was born March 29, 1938, in Columbia City.

He was a machinist at Dana for 38 years and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

He was a member of the American Motorcycle Association and enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson.

He is survived by his wife, Pat Richey of Auburn; two daughters, Dianna Lowman of Auburn and Tina Perdue of Fort Wayne: nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Richard Gray; a brother, Walter Richey; and a sister, Helen Treesh.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Visitation will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, 1327 C.R. 13, Corunna.

Memorials are to donor's choice.

To sign the online guest book or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Christine Middaugh

AUBURN — Christine Sue Middaugh 54, of Auburn passed from this world to the next in her home in Auburn Tuesday, March 30, 2010.

Mrs. Middaugh worked at Essex Corp. in Auburn then for Airway Manufacturing of Hamilton for 18 years.

Mrs. Middaugh enjoyed staying around the house and reading, baking, drawing, ceramics and was an excellent singer.

She was born May 6, 1955, in Garrett, Indiana. Theron Tuttle, her father, has passed away. Her mother, Eleanor (Cobbs) Fee, survives in Waterloo.

She married Howard Middaugh on July 23, 1994, in Waterloo. He survives in Auburn.

She is survived by one sister, Rene Maxwell of Waterloo.

She was preceded in death by her father and a brother Donald Tuttle

Services will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo with the Rev. Tom Nedderson officiating.

Calling is from 2 p.m. until the service at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorials may be directed to The American Cancer Society, she was a cancer survivor.

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Mansfield personified excellence

BY JIM SHILANDER
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ANGOLA — A polymath is someone with the particular penchant for excellence in a number of very different fields.

George Mansfield, who died Friday, March 26, 2010, was such a man. Mansfield designed and helped to build homes and industrial buildings in every corner of Steuben County, including a number of businesses and industrial sites in Angola. He was an accomplished woodworker and excellent classical guitarist. He taught himself piano and became an excellent golfer. He raced hydroplanes on Steuben County lakes and was an avid mushroom hunter. And he bowled seven 300 games.

"He was always trying to find some new hobby," his wife, Janice, said.

Angola city engineer Bill Boyer, who worked with Mansfield on a number of building projects beginning in the '80s and shared office space with Mansfield, described him as "a self-made man."

"Anything he set his mind to, he could do," Boyer noted.

Son Martin Mansfield said many people had referred to his father as "the most brilliant man they'd ever met." As a fellow engineer, Thomas said he was amazed at some of the things his father managed to design by hand, especially in the era of computer aided-drafting. His father said he could pull a John Henry and outdraw his mechanical competition.

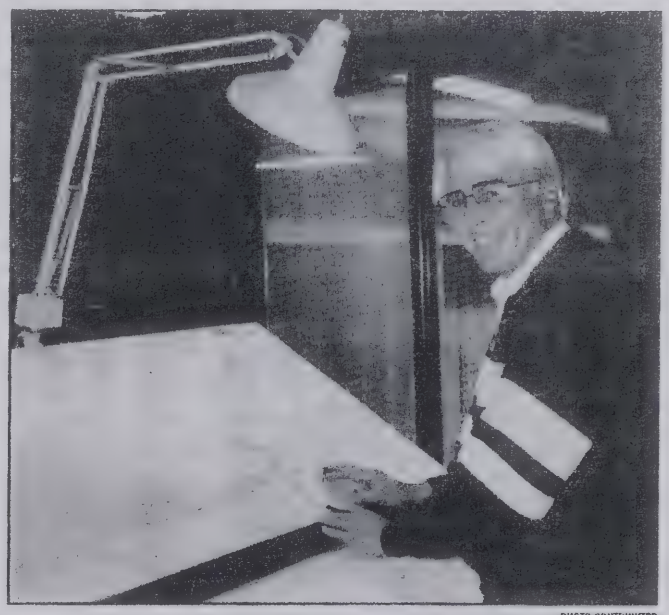
"He would always say that he could outrun a computer," Martin said. "He was able to take a pen and a ruler and make a building come to life." He also noted that his father would put together a list of what was needed for a project, and he'd be able to put it together himself. Now, such lists are created by computers.

"Our prints are all done in a program," Martin said. "You'll put together a design and it will spit out a list. What amazes me when I look at the prints he did is his were all done manually. It was all done with a pencil, a brain and a calculator."

The buildings Mansfield designed included several offices along North Wayne Street in Angola, as well as Wolf Envelope, R.I.S.E. Inc., and Metal Spinners. Mansfield also took on management responsibilities for projects such as the Ashley water tower and sewer projects.

"There's hardly a corner of the county he hasn't influenced," he said.

Jim Myers, Boyer's assistant engineer in the city engineer's office, who worked with Boyer and Mansfield during their collaborations in the early '80s, said Mansfield would do nearly everything by hand.



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George Mansfield showed true talent at nearly everything he attempted. As an architectural engineer, Mansfield would draft plans for many buildings throughout Steuben County and Fort Wayne by hand.

"He never used a computer," Myers said. "He did everything on paper. But back then, that was the way you did it."

Sometimes, Martin said, his father would be able to cut out early and shoot nine holes. Other times, it was different. "I'd wake up late at night, and I'd see the lights on in his office. Sometimes he would draw all night, then maybe play his guitar for a while and fix breakfast."

Daughter Mary Emily Decker said her father would keep odd hours, but it was all a way for him to accomplish what he wanted and needed to.

"He didn't live for work, he worked to live," Decker said. "He always got the next job so it could feed his passions."

While Mansfield's passions might have moved from one activity to another, his guitar was a constant, his family said. Decker noted that her father would often listen to other classical guitarists, as well as traveling long distances to take lessons from them.

"Sometimes I would come home and I'd hear music, and I couldn't tell if it was dad or the tape," she said.

When he began golfing, Mansfield pursued that as passionately as his other pursuits. Boyer said he and Myers would often play with Mansfield.

"They'd always have to give us a stroke a hole," Boyer said. "You couldn't help but like George, he was a fun guy."

Sometimes Mansfield's practicing went a little too far, Boyer said. "One time he had this long steel form pin, and he was demonstrating his backswing. He swung and it ripped up a big section of carpet."

Myers said that as a joke, he and Boyer put a club head on the pin and gave it to Mansfield as a Christmas gift.

When he began his woodworking passion, Janice said he immediately sought out the top people he could to help him.

"Wherever he had to go to learn from the right people, he would go," she said. "He always wanted to learn, he was always reading studying, learning. That was his life."

Late in life, Martin said, his father became much more family focused.

"He had a lot of compassion for people," he said. "All he wanted was to hear about was his kids and his grandkids. He'd always ask, 'Are they reading, are they learning?' I think he realized at the end of his life that what really mattered most was his family and his faith."

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April 4 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Mary Ann Ball Stewart

ATHENS, Ga. — Mary Ann Ball Stewart, 75, died Thursday, April 1, 2010.

A native of Auburn, she was a daughter of the late Walter and Elsie Ball and the widow of David Leigh Stewart.

Survivors include two children, David Stewart of Chapin, S.C., and Sheryl Tuggle of Arnoldsville, Ga.; a brother, Ronald Ball of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Nick, Alex and Jack Stewart.

A graveside service will be held Thursday 11:30 a.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, the Rev. Lloyd A. Bickel officiating.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. To sign the online guest book or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

E. Wayne Kester

WATERLOO — E. Wayne Kester, 86, of Waterloo died Saturday April 3, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Kester

Wayne was born January 16, 1924, in Waterloo to Emblem G. and Anna E. (Stansbury) Kester. They have both passed away.

He worked as a manager for Kroger's for 34 years, retiring in 1976. He then worked for Hickory Farms for over 10 years.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn, Kendallville American Legion and the Waterloo VFW.

He served in the U.S. Army as a First Sergeant, Battery Division Artillery 71st Infantry, during World War II.

He was known as the "Boy Whistler." He whistled at the Indiana State Fair and several other places.

He married Lois E. Karlen on August 25, 1946 in Kendallville, and she died June 22, 1907.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Penny and Donald Kryder of Butler; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Diana Kester of Columbia City and Robert and Denise Kester of Waterloo; seven grandchildren, Shannon Kester, Whitney Kester, Joseph Nalley, Amanda Kester, Kristy Kester, Daniel Kryder and Ashlie Kryder; and five great-grandchildren, Jayda Kester, Amaris Kester, Malyssa Nalley, Annette Nalley and Byron Nalley.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and a sister, Vera G. Madison.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday, April 9, 2010, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn.

The Rev. Lloyd Bickel will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, IN, and also one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials can be directed to the American Cancer Society or the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Virginia Ward

WATERLOO — Virginia "Ginny" Ward, 86, died on April 1, 2010.

Mrs. Ward

Following her wishes she has been cremated.

She was born December 31, 1923, in Newville, IN, to Terry and Lucille (Dove) Traxler. She married Lawrence Dickerson. He died in 1978. She then married Daniel H. Ward and he died in 2006.

She retired from General Electric, Fort Wayne, in 1984. After retiring, she served many years providing in-home care for the elderly and did in-depth genealogy research on branches of her family.

She was an avid NASCAR fan. She enjoyed her needlework and spending time with her family.

She is survived by a brother, Paul (Maggie) Traxler of Greenville, S.C.; a sister, Phyllis Kearns of LaOtto; a son, Larry (Pam) Dickerson of Fort Wayne; five daughters, Catherine Day of Port Saint Lucie, Fla., Patricia (Bob) Davis of Waterloo, Clara (Corbett) Messer of Helmer, Leota Dickerson of Corunna and Dawn Hissong of Butler; 20 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

There will be no service or calling.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Preferred memorials are to New Hope Christian Center, 2983 C.R. 427, Waterloo, IN 46793. Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

C. Warren Johnson

WATERLOO — C. Warren Johnson, 77, of Waterloo died Saturday, April 3, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Johnson was a lifetime auto mechanic and retired from Max Platt Ford-Lincoln-Mercury in Kendallville.

He was a member of Meese Chapel United Methodist Church in rural Auburn.

He was a member and served on the Board of Directors of NATMUS. He was also a member and Volunteer at the ACD Museum, and a member of the Shifters Car Club of Auburn.

He was born March 8, 1933, in Hammond, Ind., to Cleo W. and Ruth W. (Brown) Johnson.

He married Anna Sue Hedrick on July 19, 1952, in Hammond. She survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Craig Johnson of Auburn, and Thomas and Aniflor Johnson of Laveen, Ariz.; one daughter and son-in-law, Laura and Joseph Graves of Auburn; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a sister, Prisilla Robinson; and two brothers, Isaiah Johnson of Hammond and Lowell Johnson of South Bend.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Heather Berkshire and Rev. Gene Woolever officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Meese Chapel United Methodist Church, Auburn.

Ed Walters

AUBURN — Ed Walters of Auburn died Thursday, April 1, 2010, at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Walters

Mr. Walters was a self-employed farmer and worked construction all his life.

He enjoyed outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, and spending time in the woods. He especially liked to tell a joke and share a humorous story with his family and friends.

He was born August 14, 1963, in Auburn to Dave and Ruth (Friend) Walters. They both survive in Auburn.

He is survived by his companion Cindy Wood of Auburn; his former wife, Jane Hollabaugh; and two daughters, Elizabeth Walters and Addie Walters both of St. Joe.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Susie Bishop and Annette Bowman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at the Auburn First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ted Jansen and the Rev. O. Dale Williams officiating.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today, Monday, April 5, 2010, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and one hour prior to the service at the church Tuesday. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

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Memorials may be directed to the Elizabeth and Addie Walters Education Fund, Auburn First United Methodist Church, DeKalb Eastern Community Foundation or the charity of the donor's choice.

Dale Priko

GARRETT — Dale R. Priko, 51, died Saturday, April 3, 2010, at his home in Garrett.

Mr. Priko

Mr. Priko was a self-employed truck driver.

He was a member of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association in Angola.

He was born June 27, 1958, in Chicago, Ill.., to Rudy and Eva Jean (Boring) Priko. They both preceded him in death.

He is survived by a daughter, Cheryl Priko of Garrett; a son, David Priko of Clarksville, Tenn.; and two brothers, Bill Priko of Lake Villa, Ill., and Terry Priko of Cincinnati, Ohio.

There will be no calling.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

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Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Meese Chapel United Methodist Church.

Opal Mobley

ANGOLA — Opal I. Mobley, 86, of Angola died Saturday, April 3, 2010, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola, Ind.

Mrs. Mobley

Mrs. Mobley had retired as an inspector for Angola Die Cast.

She had lived in Steuben County since 1945.

She was born Jan. 10, 1924, in DeKalb County, Ind., to Raymond L. and Clara (Miller) Clark. They are deceased.

She married Charles W. Mobley on June 8, 1943. He died in January 1945 while serving in World War II.

Surviving are her caretaker, Brenda Burrell of Angola, Ind., and Brenda's family, Dan Burrell, Julie Marturello and Gary Burrell; and a brother, Ralph W. Clark of Auburn.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers.

There will be no visitation or services.

Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery in Woodruff, Ind.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, Ind., is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com

STAR
April 7 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Irene Collins

CORUNNA — Irene Collins, age 73, of Corunna, died on Monday, April 5, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Collins

She was born in Wayland, Kentucky, on August 6, 1936, to the late Green Robert and Sally Ann (Collins) Hicks. She married Rudolph Collins on November 23, 1971, in Clintwood, Virginia. Rudolph preceded her death on September 13, 1998.

Irene was a homemaker and member of the Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh.

Irene was truly blessed to have a large family and many caring friends. She leaves her family and extended family behind to mourn her loss. They are: Raymond and Dorothy Collins of Kentucky, Reverend Willie Collie of Stroh, James and Judy Collins of Kendallville, Kern and Lena Collins of Kendallville, Sally and Ron Squires of Michigan, Denzil Hyler of Corunna, Robert Collins of Michigan City, Jerry and Jennifer Collins of Butler, Bernadine Mackey of Corunna, Bob and Judy Rollins of Kendallville; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren and two sisters, Evelyn Lartigue of Florida and Princess Wheaton of Kendallville.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Junior Hicks in 2008, and three sisters and two brothers.

Visitation will be today, Wednesday, April 7, 2010, from 5-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, April 8, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. David Bolen. Burial will be at Corunna Cemetery in Corunna, Indiana.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Connie Albertson

BUTLER — Connie K. Albertson, 62, died Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at the Veterans Hospital.

Mrs. Albertson was a graduate of DeKalb High School.

She was a U.S. Army veteran.

She was born Sept. 23, 1947, in Auburn to Lester and Helen (Grobis) Osbun. She married Charles Albertson on March 10, 1979, in Butler. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, William (Amanda) Albertson of Philadelphia and Gary (Angie) Osbun of Auburn; two daughters, Elizabeth (Jeremy) Dohm of Edgerton, Ohio, and Heather (Robert) Paquin of Judsonia, Ark.; five brothers; one sister; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Free Bible Tabernacle Church in Butler with Pastor Charles Witt officiating. Military honors will be by Butler American Legion Post 202.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnson.com

Earl Riser

BUTLER — Earl E. Riser, 95, died Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Riser retired from Bohn Aluminum and delivered newspapers for The Evening Star for 16 years.

He was born on April 8, 1915, in DeKalb County to John and Ethel (Gaff) Riser.

Surviving are two sons, Victor (Jeanne) Riser of Boardman, Ohio, and John Riser of Butler; a daughter, Rajena Woodworth of Ashtabula, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; and 20 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Dennis Riser.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com

John Francis Fugate

AUBURN — John Francis Fugate, 53, of Auburn died Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Fugate worked in maintenance for Indian Springs Campground.

He was a very active member and also served as a deacon for One Truth Christian Outreach in Ashley.

He loved camping, working on automobiles, and being around children.

He was born on June 1, 1956, in Garrett, to Zack and Opal (Banks) Fugate.

He married Rosalie Hunter on April 20, 1985, in Kendallville, and she survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Sherrie Fugate of Kentucky, Frances and Terry Schull of Kendallville, and Tiffany Fugate of Auburn; a son, James Hunter of Auburn; 12 grandchildren; five sisters and brothers-in-law, Viola and David Clair of Crestline, Ohio, Joyce and Ed Cook of Monticello, Ky., Anita and Lester Rhodes of Auburn, Helen Bailey of Butler and Mary and Rick Maggert of Auburn; a brother-in-law, Christopher McPherson of Auburn; and his dog, Damion.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Beatrice McPherson; and a brother, Rudell Fugate.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Paul Slone officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Rosalie Fugate.

Donald Eldridge

AUBURN — Donald D. Eldridge, 79, of Auburn died Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Don was born in DeKalb County on June 2, 1930, to Edward E. and Arvilla F. (DeLong) Eldridge and they have both passed away.

Mr. Eldridge

Don graduated from Garrett High School in 1948. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran serving during the Korean conflict.

He was an electronic technician for Magnavox for 34 years, retiring in 1990.

He was a member of the Indian Village Church of God where he was very active and involved with their Food Bank program. He was a former Scout Master at the St. Mark's Lutheran Church from 1967 to 1972 and was an avid Cubs fan since 1941.

He married Sharon A. Marker on September 8, 1956, in Auburn and she survives.

He is also survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry W. and Mary Lou Eldridge of Butler and Michael A. and Kathy Eldridge of Canton, Mich.; a daughter, Millie E. Malcolm of Garrett; a sister, Pearl Ebnit of Sun City, Calif.; six grandchildren, Jon (Robin) Eldridge, David Eldridge, Jeremy Malcolm, Nathan Malcolm, Meaghan Eldridge and Joshua Eldridge; a great-granddaughter, Sage Eldridge; and a great-grandson due to be born in May, Devon Eldridge.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Frank Eldridge; and a sister in infancy.

Ward Jameson

O'FALLON, Mo. — Ward K. Jameson, 77, of O'Fallon died Sunday, March 28, 2010, in O'Fallon.

Mr. Jameson had owned and operated the Western Auto and Radio Shack Store in Auburn, Ind., from 1969 to 1980.

He retired from Tru Value Hardware in St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Jameson was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War.

He was born and raised in Bradyville, Tenn.

Surviving are his ex-wife, Jeanette Jameson of Warrenton, Mo.; two sons, Ward Jr. and Tiffany Jameson of Grand Prairie, Texas, and Keith Jameson of Warrenton, Mo.; two daughters, Debbie and Don Terasaki of Dallas, Texas, and Diane and Chris Williams of Warrenton, Mo.; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four sisters and two brothers.

A funeral Mass was said at Pitman Funeral Home in Warrenton, Mo., with military rites.

Burial was in Bradyville, Tenn.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, April 10, 2010, at the Indian Village Church of God. The Rev. Lloyd Harlan and Rev. Raymond Warner will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, and also one hour prior to the service at the church Saturday.

Memorials can be directed to the Indian Village Food Bank.

Betty Greenfield

AUBURN — Betty M. Greenfield, 87, of Auburn died Thursday, April 8, 2010, at New Haven Care and Rehab.

Ms. Greenfield worked for 22 years for the County Line Cheese Co. in rural Auburn. After moving to Florida, she managed a miniature golf course for more than four years.

She attended the Auburn Alliance Church in Auburn. She also volunteered at Give Kids the World in Kissimmee, Fla., for more than 10 years.

She was born Oct. 1, 1922, in Auburn, to Earl and Birdie (Ruhl) Glass.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, William and Carolyn Kruse of Auburn, James and Karen Kruse of Kendallville and David L. and Jennifer Kruse of Orlando, Fla.; a daughter, Margaret Eminhiser of Monroeville; a sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Jim Mettert of Auburn; 19 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Florence Myers and Mary Donelly.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Childs Evangelism of Auburn.

Mabel Eldridge

AUBURN — Mabel M. Eldridge, 86, of Auburn went to be with the Lord Friday April 9, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home.

Born February 18, 1924, in rural DeKalb County, she was the daughter of Ralph W. and Martha I. Humbert.

She had worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for over 40 years, retiring in 1984.

Mrs. Eldridge

She was a member of Indian Village Church of God and a volunteer at the church food bank.

Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Edward and Kathy Eldridge of Auburn and Richard Eldridge of Auburn; grandsons, Jason Scattergood and Dennis Shutt Jr.; great-grandchildren, Brandon Eldridge, Austin Wakeman and Ashlee Wakeman; and her sisters and brothers-in-law, Wilma Sherck of Waterloo, Wanita and Don Hisey of Auburn and Fern and Kenny Wilcoxson of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank E. Eldridge; a granddaughter, Angie Eldridge; her parents; and a sister, Irene Diedrich.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, with calling one hour prior, at Indian Village Church of God, 602 Erie Pass Auburn.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Indian Village Church of God Food Bank.

To sign the on line guest book, visit www.pinnington mccomb.com

Jessta Trethric

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — Jessta Jean (Bonecutter) Trethric, 92, of Battle Creek, Mich., and Sarasota, Fla., and formerly of Bronson, Mich., and Butler, died Tuesday, March 23, 2010, in Sarasota, Fla., of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

She was born Jan. 2, 1918, on South Snow Prairie Road, Bronson, Mich., to Jesse and Mabel (Konst) Bonecutter. She was the third of seven children. She married Lauren Trethric in 1966. He preceded her in death in 1996. She previously was married to Lincoln Fair. They divorced, and he is now deceased.

As a child, she moved several times between Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. After graduation, she attended International Business College in Fort Wayne and worked summers at the Potawatomi Inn in Angola. After her marriage, she worked for Douglas Manufacturing Co. and L.A. Darling Co. in Bronson. She then moved to Battle Creek and worked for attorney James Dunn and then at the Federal Center, retiring in 1985.

She is survived by three daughters, Ginger Jacobson of Battle Creek, Mich., and Sarasota, Fla., Phyllis Paul of Maple Valley, Wash., and Lila Paul and her husband, Ken, of Delton, Mich.; eight grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She also has four surviving siblings, Mareta Mutzfeld of Auburn, Clarence Bonecutter and his wife, Joan, of Butler, Annabelle Bible and her husband, Willis, of Edgerton, Ohio, and Maurice Bonecutter and his wife, Dorothy, of Auburn.

She also was preceded in death by a sister, Lois Bennett, and a brother, Paul Bonecutter.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Royal Funeral Home in Battle Creek handled arrangements.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of South Central Michigan, 2500 Watkins Road, Battle Creek, MI 49015.

Maggie Groh

KENDALLVILLE — Maggie Groh, age 70, of Kendallville, died on Thursday, April 8, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Groh was born near Quicksand, Kentucky, in Knott County on August 10, 1939, to Taulby and Delana Roberta (Shepherd) Handshoe. Her father died at a young age in 1948.

Mrs. Groh

She married Paul A. Groh on June 14, 1964, in Kendallville and he preceded her death June 21, 1985.

Maggie was a homemaker and did a lot of baby-sitting and taking care of her family for many years.

She loved gardening and tending to her flowers and attending church. She was a dedicated member of Community Baptist Church near Wolcottville.

Survivors include her mother, Delana Roberta Terry of Kendallville; two daughters, Jackie Delana Hammel of Kendallville and Vickie L. Groh-Roberts of Kendallville; two grandchildren, Kirsty Delana Hammel and James Paul William Baker, both of Kendallville; a stepson, Jerry Groh; a stepdaughter, Judy Everidge; a brother, Oscar and Ollie Handshoe of Kendallville; a stepsister, Dorothy Ramey of Kendallville; a stepbrother, Radie Terry of West Virginia; and many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her sister, Edith Conley; two stepsisters, Laura Ramey and Flora Hoover; and four stepbrothers, Chester, Curtis, John Arnold, and Clark Terry.

Visitation will be today, Saturday, April 10, 2010, from 5-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Visitation will also be Sunday anytime after 3 p.m. at Community Baptist Church with evening services at 6 p.m.

Funeral services will be Monday, April 12, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Community Baptist Church. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Leburn Combs, the Rev. Willie Collins and the Rev. Rick Davis.

Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Cyril Coburn Sr.

GARRETT, Ky. — Cyril H. Coburn Sr. of Garrett, Ky., and formerly of Kendallville died March 30, 2010, at Riverview Manor.

Funeral services were held April 3 at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, Ky.

Burial was in Marin Family Cemetery in Eastern, Ky.

STAR
April 11 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Betty Lemper

CARTHAGE, N.C. — Betty Lemper, 85, of Carthage passed away on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, in Pinehurst, N.C.

She was born August 7, 1924, to Paul and Bessie Freeman.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Lemper; her parents; and six siblings.

She is survived by one brother, Jack Freeman of Bokeelia, Fla.; a daughter, Carole Lemper of Greensboro, N.C.; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Robert Wesner of Carthage, N.C.; a son and daughter-in-law, Phil and Kathy Lemper of Garrett, Ind.; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two daughters in her heart, Mary K. Graf and Debra Pompeo of Greensboro, N.C.

Her remains will be buried next to her husband in the Cedar Creek Cemetery in DeKalb County, Ind.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Moore Humane Society in Carthage, N.C.

Boles Funeral Home and Crematory of Southern Pines is serving the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.bolesfuneralhome.com

Donald Meyer

ALBION — Donald E. Meyer, 57, a resident of rural Albion, passed away at 4:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 11, 2010, at the family residence in York Township. He had been in declining health since 2006, and had been seriously ill for the past month.

Mr. Meyer

Mr. Meyer was born on November 1, 1952, and was raised by his grandparents Dale E. and Virginia Meyer. He attended the former York Center School, and graduated from Central Noble High School in 1971.

Employed at the Fort Wayne Foundry in Columbia City, he had worked there as a quality control and maintenance worker. He had also previously been employed at Newnam Foundry and Seamco, both in Kendallville.

He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion. As a young man he was active in 4-H and the York Township Horse & Pony Club. In his leisure time he enjoyed horses, bowling, golfing, playing the drums, canoeing, and kayaking.

On September 28, 1990 he was married in Avilla to Lori Ann Harris. She survives.

Other surviving relatives include his son David E. Meyer of Albion; his parents, Janet and Robert Miller of Albion; his siblings, Lee Ann Wicker of Auburn, Lisa Brashear of Albion, Robert (Charlotte) Miller Jr. of Moriarty, N. M., and Brenda (John) Moyer of Kendallville; his in-laws, Robert A. and Henrietta Harris of LaOtto; an aunt, Pat (Duane) Norris of Albion; and two grandchildren, Dirk E. Meyer and Lillian Jean Meyer.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; a sister-in-law, Lynn Rose Harris; an uncle, Dale R. Meyer; and a close friend, Pat Biddle.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2010, in the Sugar Grove Church of God, 5019 E. C.R. 500S, Churubusco, with Pastor Timothy Grable officiating.

The family will receive friends at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco on Tuesday from 2 to 8 p. m., or at the church one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be in the Ege Catholic Cemetery, Noble County.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Women's Care Center, P. O. Box 12966, Fort Wayne, IN 46866; or Boys & Girls Clubs, 2609Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46807

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Meyer's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

STAR

April 13 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Body found in Cedar Creek

Police hope autopsy will yield clues

FROM STAFF REPORTS

AUBURN — Auburn Police are investigating the discovery of a body in Cedar Creek late Sunday afternoon.

The severely decomposed body was found near the DeKalb County Fairgrounds on South Union Street in Auburn, according to detective Lt. Mark Stump.

An autopsy is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon to attempt to identify the body and determine a cause of death. Stump said police will not release any more details until after the autopsy.

"We're not sure at this point whether it was accidental or there was any foul play," Auburn Police Chief Martin D. McCoy said Monday morning. "The doctors should be able to give us an idea of how long the body was in the water."

McCoy would not reveal whether the body is of a man or woman, or whether police have any missing-person reports that might be related to the body.

A person familiar with the discovery, who wished to remain anonymous, said the body is a female with a butterfly tattoo on her abdomen.

A man who was walking along the creek spotted the body in the water north of a footbridge at the fairgrounds, Stump said.

Indiana Conservation Officers helped Auburn Police recover the body from the creek, where it had become snagged on a logjam in midstream. Stump said the water was chest-deep at that point.

The only logjam in that stretch of the creek lies between the ends of Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, on the east bank of the stream.

DAVE KURTZ

A body was found in Cedar Creek Sunday at this logjam in Auburn, about midway between the Ninth Street bridge and a footbridge at the DeKalb County Fairgrounds.

Roy Creager

GARRETT — Roy J. "Rosie" Creager, 81, of Garrett died Monday, April 12, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Creager worked from 1960 to 1973 for the Garrett Police Department, serving as Chief of Police for a period of time. He also worked 29 years for the B&O Railroad as a brakeman, retiring in 1991.

Mr. Creager

He was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Mr. Creager was a member of the Garrett American Legion, VFW and Eagles.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was born March 23, 1929, in Garrett, Ind., to Roy E. and Dell Marie (Topper) Creager. He married Carolyn S. Maggert on May 12, 1956, in Garrett. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two daughters, Julie Creager of Garrett and Janie Diederich, Auburn; a son, Kyle E. Creager of Auburn; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Wayne, William and Earl; and a sister, Madelaine Zumbaugh.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Garrett American Legion and VFW posts.

Memorials are to the Garrett High School girls basketball program or to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

You may send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Martin Bartell

ST. JOE — Martin S. Bartell 85, died Sunday, April 11, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday St. Marks Lutheran Church in St. Joe with Pastor Merle Holden officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

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Anthony Barboza

BUTLER — Anthony Barboza, 76, formerly of Lakeland, Fla., died Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at his daughter's home.

Mr. Barboza was truck driver and a construction worker.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was born on June 28, 1933, in Dighton, Mass., to Anthony and Sadie (Ferrerra) Barboza.

Surviving are two daughters, Robin (Danny) Helbert of Butler and Tina Jennings of Louisiana; two sons, Craig (Tonya) Barboza of St. Joe and Anthony Barboza of Virginia; a brother, Manny Barboza of St. Augustine, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mary Tucker.

There will be no calling or services.

Entombment will take place in Lakeland, Fla., at a later date.

Arrangements are by H. E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Martin Bartell

ST. JOE — Martin S. Bartell, 85, died Sunday, April 11, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He was born on December 31, 1924, in Scipio Township of Allen County to Henry and Bertha (Lehman) Bartell.

Martin retired from County Line Cheese in 1989 after 21 years of service. He also drove trucks for many years.

He married Patricia Sawvel on January 21, 1960, at Bull Rapids Church in Woodburn. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Mark (Laura) Bartell of Fort Wayne, Jeff Bartell of St. Joe, and Arthur Bartell of Auburn; a daughter, Sara (John) Bennett of Waterloo; a brother, Jerry (Judy) Bartell of Bryan, Ohio; two sisters, Freida Springer of Fort Wayne and Mildred (Jim) Groshen of Auburn; a brother-in-law, Richard Cook; six grandchildren, Dawn Scheessele, Dean Bartell, Logan Bartell, Spencer Bartell, Caszandria Bennett and Elisa Bennett; and three great-grandchildren, Grant and Graham Scheessele and Ethan Bartell; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Alma Ransom, Anna Barron and Esther Cook.

Funeral services will be Thursday, April 15, at 11 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Joe, with Pastor Merle Holden officiating.

Visitation will be today, Wednesday, April 14, from 3-7 p.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the church or the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com

STAR
April 15 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Creek body identified

Auburn woman disappeared in 2009

AUBURN — Auburn Police detectives have identified a woman whose body was found in Cedar Creek in Auburn on Sunday afternoon.

Police said the woman is Jennifer S. Mullins, 26, of Auburn, who was reported missing by an acquaintance in late November 2009. Local police followed up on information received at the time of that report and eventually extinguished all leads provided by the reporting person, according to a news release issued Wednesday night by Auburn Police detective Lt. Mark Stump.

Detectives will continue to search for evidence and information that might explain how Mullins ended up in Cedar Creek, Stump said.

Police identified her based on interviews and with the assistance of the Indiana State Police Regional Laboratory. Stump said an analysis of a single fingerprint recovered during an autopsy Tuesday provided the identification police needed to locate Mullins' family. The coroner then gave notification of her death.

Mullins

Stump said police now are using information obtained during the autopsy and their subsequent interviews to determine Mullins' activities and the locations she visited around the time she was reported missing.

Police asked anyone with information surrounding the activities and disappearance of Mullins in late 2009 to contact Stump at 920-3200, Ext. 1917, or Auburn Police Detective Phil Snover at 920-3200, Ext. 1923.

Gerald Creager

GARRETT — Gerald W. Creager, 84, of Garrett died Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Creager worked as a pattern maker for Foley Pattern Company of Auburn, Cole Pattern Company of Fort Wayne, and Ward Pattern Company of Fort Wayne.

He was a veteran of the United States Army serving during World War II.

He was born September 7, 1925, in Butler to Ferman F. and Ethel B. (Powell) Creager.

He married Donna I. Wiler on August 28, 1948, in Kendallville. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Cheryl and Gary Glaze of Kendallville, Rebecca and Tom Wasson of Auburn and Jody Creager and Sam Miller of Garrett; three granddaughters, Tara Wasson, Jennifer Wasson and Suzanne Zawadzke; and three great-grandchildren, Alexia Zawadzke, Kyle Zawadzke and Maya Gay.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Delbert Creager; a grandson, Andrew Zawadzke; and a granddaughter, Sarah Zawadzke.

There will be private family services held on Friday, April 16, 2010, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

STAR
April 15 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Judith Krudop

ANGOLA — Judith Giver Krudop, 60, of Angola died Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was currently employed as a production clerk at Electri-Tec Inc. in Angola. She had formerly worked for 15 years at Wolf Envelope in Angola and at Angola Wire.

Ms. Krudop had lived in Steuben County most of her life.

She attended Prairie Heights Schools.

Ms. Krudop was of the Catholic faith.

She enjoyed NASCAR and was a Jeff Gordon fan. She enjoyed music and especially Bon Jovi, Clint Eastwood movies, dancing and she loved her dogs.

She was born August 22, 1949, in Angola, Ind., to Donald and Florence (George) Giver. They are deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Jennifer and John Filutze of Auburn and Jill and Henry Winkler of Angola; two sons, Ron Maugherman Jr. of Angola and Steve Maugherman of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Michael, Justin, Mason, Johnny and Anna; a sister, Nancy and Joe Carnahan of Orland, Ind.; and a brother, Tom Giver of Farmland, Ind.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Florence Giver, and a brother, Donald Giver Jr.

A celebration of life service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind., with the Rev. Mark Gaertner officiating.

Burial will be at a later date.

Visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Steuben County, 1700 N. C.R. 200W, Angola, IN 46703.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Thelma Cass

WOLCOTTVILLE — Thelma R. Cass, 91, of Wolcottville died Thursday, April 15, 2010, in Parkview LaGrange Hospital at LaGrange.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday in St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery at Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the church with a rosary services at 3:30 p.m. There will also be calling one hour prior to services at the church on Monday.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

A full obituary will appear in Saturday's edition.

Cindy Squier

ANGOLA — Cindy J. Squier, 51, died Thursday, April 15, 2010, at her home in Angola surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Squier

Mrs. Squier was a homemaker.

She earned her Associate Degree in Accounting from Tri-State University in Angola.

She was a member of the Calvary Temple PCG. She also served as president of Women's Ministry at Calvary Temple.

She loved to bowl and was a member of the Angola Bowling League. She also loved to camp.

She was born January 9, 1951, in Coldwater, Michigan. She married Raymond W. Squier Jr. on July 6, 1982, in Rockford, Minnesota. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are her mother, Marge (Deible) Johnson of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Doddy A. and Patrick Hudson of Angola and Samantha J. and Justin VanGompel of Fremont; a sister and brother-in-law, Tammy and Kurt Klink of Bakersfield, Calif.; a brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Diane Kauffman of Sheraton, Michigan; and seven grandchildren, Trevor Trent, Dennisa VanGompel, Maria VanGompel, Blake VanGompel, David Hudson, Jasmine Hudson, and Raymond Hudson.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Kauffman; and a daughter, Christina M. Trent.

A memorial service will be held at noon Sunday, April 25, 2010, at Calvary Temple PCG, 400 Henry St., Angola, with Pastor Vince Torres officiating.

A picture viewing will be held from 11 a.m. to noon Sunday prior to the memorial service at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the Calvary Temple PCG building fund.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Zeigler

HAMILTON — Robert L. Zeigler, 74, died Friday, April 16, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Waterloo with Pastor Jeff Farnham officiating. Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Layla Marquardt

AUBURN — Layla Lynne Marquardt, 1 day old, died Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at DuPont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She is survived by her parents, David and Monica Marquardt of Auburn; brothers Austin and Christian Marquardt and sisters, Ryleigh and Kennedy Marquardt, all at home; her grandparents; her aunts and uncles; and her cousins.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Arrangements are by Pinnington-McComb Funreal & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St.

To sign the online guest book, please visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

STAR
April 18 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Don Myers was everyone's friend

BY DENNIS NABTKER
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MONGO — He was everyone's friend, someone who thought he had to do something for someone.

Don Myers, 71, of Mongo, died unexpectedly on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at his home.

"My dad was my hero and my friend," said his daughter Tammy Hogan of Cromwell. "He taught me a lot about life and standing up for myself."

Hogan remembers spending a lot time with her dad growing up because she was his boy until her brother came along. She was thrilled to tag along with her dad to hunt mushrooms.

"He taught me to love the outdoors, and I spent a lot of time in the woods as a kid because of it."

When Hogan was 13 her dad took her out in the middle of a harvested corn field to teach her how to drive.

"He had an old Ford pickup with a steering wheel as big around as a tire. It was a stick shift and he was determined his daughters were going to learn to drive it," she said. Hogan was the last of his four daughters he taught to drive a stick shift.

For 34 years Mr. Myers owned Myers Bait and Tackle and then worked in his son's Town and Country Hardware Store in Shipshewana.

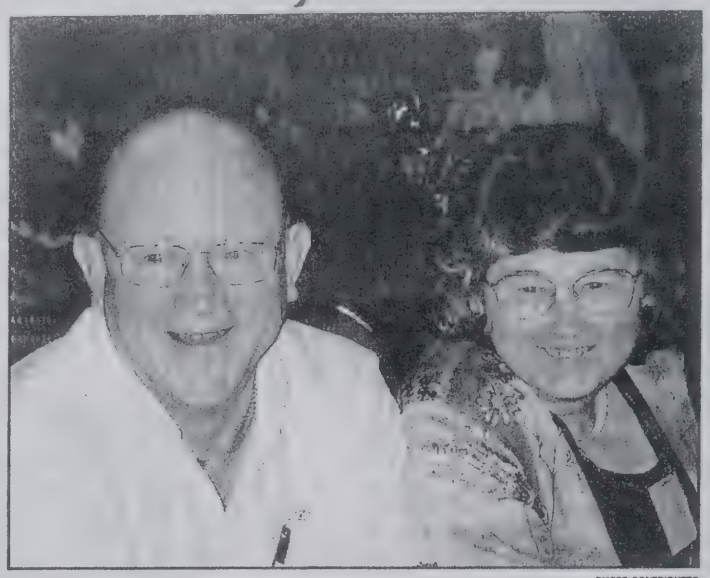
"Customers loved my dad," said son Kenneth Myers. "He was helpful and always smiling no matter how he felt."

On July 13, 1959, he married Phyllis M. Targgart. She resides in Mongo and described her husband as an energetic person, not one to sit around.

"He liked to be busy," she said. Mr. Myers was active in the Mongo community. He was a member for over 50 years of the Mongo Fire Department, and was a former fire chief. He was a member of the Mongo Lions Club, Ducks Unlimited and the Mongo United Methodist Church.

Mr. Myers is perhaps best known for playing Santa Claus at Christmas time for the fire department.

"He played Santa for many years, giving out bags of candy from the fire department to firefighters' kids on Christmas Eve," recalled his daughter Tammy. "He loved the expression of the kids' faces."



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The late Don Myers is shown and his wife Phyllis.

His wife Phyllis said she received sympathy cards from people who remembered her husband as Santa Claus when they were children.

"It was one of those things people remember as part of growing up in a small town," said his son Kenneth.

Mr. Myers was a very giving person. When he could no longer fight fires as a Mongo firefighter, he served as the fire department's secretary/treasurer. He organized fundraisers for the fire department. "Don did all the fundraisers, the breakfasts, fish frys, Christmas parties for kids," said his wife.

When he worked at the hardware store he didn't know much about hardware, but he loved to mingle with people and tell stories about gardening. He had a wealth of knowledge about gardening, said Tammy.

"Dad had a huge soft spot for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and they for him. We all loved and respected him very much."

His son Kenneth remembered how his father enjoyed family vacations. Two years ago the family spent a week together in a large beach house in Gulf Shores, Ala.

Dave Tropp of Howe was a longtime friend.

"What can you say about somebody that for over 50 years has been your best friend," he asked. "We shared good vacations, good times and done things together. We watched each other's children turn into fine adults. He stood by my side when I got married. I don't have any idea who said 'time heals all wounds,' but I'll tell you this, the person that said it never had a 50-year friendship."

In addition to his wife, his daughter Tammy, and his son Kenneth and wife Joanie, Mr. Myers is survived by daughters and sons-in-law, Pam and Scott Smith of Middlebury, Vivian and Patrick White of Mongo, and Donna and Jon Slone of LaGrange; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Bernard Weiss of Mongo; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert L. and Phyllis Myers of Roswell, Ga., and Kevin and Kay Myers of Mongo.

He was buried in Mongo Cemetery in Mongo.

STAR
April 18 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Donald March

HUNTINGTON — Donald Frank March 75, of Huntington died on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at his residence.

He was born Aug. 19, 1934 in Fort Wayne to Frank L. and June (Davis) March. Both parents preceded him in death. He was married Feb. 1, 1957 to Carol W. Baker. She survives in Huntington.

Mr. March

Mr. March was a Navy Corpsman from 1951-55. He was a 1956 graduate of Elmhurst High School in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include three daughters, Laraine and her husband John Nesbit of Avilla, April and her husband Ron Campos of Huntington and Dawn March White of Huntington; three sons, Jamison and his wife Jamie March of Kendallville, Geoffrey and his wife Lori March of Butler and Donald F. Jr. and his wife Tracey March of Garret; two sisters, Alice Sikes and Judy Fowler, both of Fort Meyers, Fla.; 15 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A small family memorial service will be at a later date.

McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington is handling the arrangements.

Online condolences are to mcelhaneyhartfuneral-home.com

Charles Armstrong

AUBURN — Charles "Junior" Armstrong, 85, died Saturday, April 17, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home.

Mr. Armstrong retired from Auburn Gear in 1989. He was also a farmer, a school bus driver for DeKalb Eastern Schools, and an insurance agent for Farm Bureau.

Mr. Armstrong

Mr. Armstrong attended church at the Auburn Church of Christ.

He was a graduate of Auburn High School.

He was born on July 28, 1924, in Jackson Township to Charles W. and Flossie (Warstler) Armstrong. He married Dolores Krontz on Sept. 1, 1945, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Dennis (Shirley) Armstrong of Coldwater, Mich., and Ronald and Deanna Armstrong of Churubusco; three daughters, Reva (Lane) Brown of Fremont, Brenda Applegate of Vancouver, Wash,, and Julie (Scott) Levinson of Herndon, Va.; a sister, Avis Baird of Butler; a sister-in-law, Wilma "Till" Armstrong of Butler; eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Dale Armstrong; and a sister, Beatrice Freidenberger.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler, with Pastor Joseph Heins officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Evelyn Keuneke

AUBURN — Evelyn I. Keuneke, 84, of Auburn went to be with the lord Saturday, April 17, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. Born February 5, 1926, in Mongo, she was the daughter of the late Charles Leroy and Della Viola Wingard.

She was a homemaker and member of Saint Mark's Lutheran Church.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Lori Ann and Barry Rowe of Angola and Teresa and Ramon Gil of Irmo South Carolina; two sisters, Carolyn Earnest of Fort Wayne and Carol Murphy of Fort Wayne; her grandchildren, Miguel (Kristen) Gil of Irmo, South Carolina and Austin Rowe of Angola; a great-grandson, Logan Gil; two brothers-in-law, Roland and Karl Keuneke, both of Fort Wayne; four sisters-in-law, Mick, Shirley, Jean and Carol Keuneke and Betty Bender, all of Fort Wayne; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 23, at Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 W. Ninth St., Auburn.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be one hour prior to the services.

Memorials are to Saint Mark's Lutheran Church.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.pinningtonmccomb.com

John Greuter II

GARRETT — John M. Greuter II, age 57 of Garrett, Indiana, died at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at his home.

He was born January 13, 1953, in Noble County to John M. and Betty Jane (Thomas) Greuter and they preceded him in death.

He was an Air Force veteran from 1978 to 1979 and was a laborer at Cold Heading in Ashley, Indiana, for a few years.

He is survived by a daughter, Tracey and Bradley Bley; and two sons, Chris and LaPamela Greuter and Shay Greuter, all of Garrett, Indiana. He is also survived by two brothers, Sam and Diane Greuter of Auburn, Indiana and Joe Greuter of Kendallville, Indiana; and two sisters, Roxanne and Larry Williams of Auburn, Indiana, and Alaura and Rod Parrish of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Also surviving are his four grandsons, Aaron and Adam Bley and Steven Simpkins and Christopher Greuter II, all of Garrett; and his four granddaughters, Ashley and Amber Bley, Shai Greuter, and Olivia Greuter, all of Garrett, Indiana.

A military graveside service will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at the chapel at the VA Medical Center at Marion, Indiana. The U.S. Air Force will provide military honors.

Burial will follow in Marion National Cemetery in Marion, Indiana.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Josephine Bailey

AUBURN — Josephine Bailey, 70, of Montgomery, Mich., died Sunday, April 18, 2010, at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Bailey

She was born March 28, 1940, in Rockford, Ky., the daughter of Adolph and Nora (Bolen) Collins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Buck J. Bailey.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Jimmie and Trena Bailey of Bronson, Mich., and Michael and Peg Bailey of Fremont; three daughters and sons-in-law, Penny and Robert Forrester of Montgomery, Mich., Brenda and Marty Force of Fremont and Annette and Randy Beber of Auburn; 15 grandchildren; four sisters, Mary Jo Bolen of LaGrange, Annie Kessler of North Manchester, Betty VanHozzer of Wolcottville and Helen Chriswell of Waterloo; and two brothers, Roy Collins of Kendallville and Ray Collins of Albion.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Timmie Bailey; three sisters, Irene Belcher, Geraldine Collins and Nannie McPherson; a brother, Sonny Collins; a grandson, Robert Bailey; and a granddaughter, Brandy Cassabon.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Embrey Cemetery near Garrett.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

To sign the online guest book or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinningtonmccomb.com

Dr. Floyd Johnson

LAOTTO — Dr. Floyd "Doc" Joseph Johnson D.V.M., age 76 of LaOtto, Ind., died at 10:35 p.m. Sunday, April 18, 2010, at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne, Ind.

He was born March 1, 1934, in Garrett, Ind., to Stephen A. and Sylvia M. (Imbody) Johnson. They preceded him in death.

He married Mary Ellen Howe on May 30, 1964, in Hudson, Ind.

Prior to being co-owner of the Garrett Veterinary Hospital from 1970-2004, he was in the U.S. Naval Reserves.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, the K of C Council 1790 and the American Veterinary Association.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen Johnson of LaOtto; a daughter, Julie Anne (Joseph) Talley of Oregon City, Ore.; son, Arthur John "Butch" (Angie) Johnson of Auburn; a brother, Arthur (Rose) Johnson of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Emma, Andrew and Sarah Talley all of Oregon City, Ore., Brittney Kiessling of Fort Wayne, Blake Blaker of Auburn and Dane Johnson of Auburn.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, April 22, 2010, at 12:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, with Father Chuck Herman celebrating. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery in Garrett.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, from 2-8 p.m. with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56 Garrett, IN.

Memorials are to Byron Health Center.

To send a condolence or sign the online guest book visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Mable Bradley

KENDALLVILLE — Mable Bradley, age 83, of Kendallville, died on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Bradley

Mrs. Bradley was born in Floyd County, Kentucky on September 5, 1926, to the late Edward and Myrtle (Coburn) Bailey.

She married Isadore Bradley on June 3, 1947, in Kentucky and he preceded her death March 23, 2009.

She was a nurse's aide and employed in the past with the Lutheran Home in Kendallville.

She was a member of the Salem United Baptist Church near Rome City.

Survivors include a son, Robert and Carolyn Bradley of Kendallville; a daughter, Carla Halferty of Helmer; five grandchildren, Scott Gamble, Wendell David Parker, Heather Stegemann, Kevin Bradley and Kyle Bradley; six great-grandchildren; a brother, Rudolph and Margie Bailey of Antwerp, Ohio; and a sister, Geneva and John Williams of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Patricia Parker, and granddaughter, Kelly Bradley.

Visitation will be Wednesday, April 21, 2010, from 3-6 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, April 22, 2010, at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Billy Ray Tuttle.

Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

View a video tribute by Wednesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Taryn Brown

ST. JOE — Taryn L. Brown, 51, of St. Joe died Saturday, April 17, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born on Feb. 18, 1959, in Perkin, Ill. Her parents preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband, Charles D. Brown of St. Joe; and a son, Jett Gejion of Perkin, Ill.

There will be no calling or services.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, 111 East Ludwig Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

John Greuter II

GARRETT — John M. Greuter II, age 57 of Garrett, Indiana, died at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at his home.

He was born January 13, 1953, in Noble County to John M. and Betty Jane (Thomas) Greuter and they preceded him in death.

Mr. Greuter

He was a laborer at Cold Heading in Ashley, Indiana, for a few years.

Mr. Greuter served in the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Air Force for six years.

He is survived by a daughter, Tracey and Bradley Bley; and two sons, Chris and LaPamela Greuter and Shay Greuter, all of Garrett, Indiana. He is also survived by two brothers, Sam and Diane Greuter of Auburn, Indiana and Joe Greuter of Kendallville, Indiana; and two sisters, Roxanne and Larry Williams of Auburn, Indiana, and Alaura and Rod Parrish of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Also surviving are his four grandsons, Aaron and Adam Bley and Steven Simpkins and Christopher Greuter II, all of Garrett; and his four granddaughters, Ashley and Amber Bley, Shai Greuter, and Olivia Greuter, all of Garrett, Indiana.

A military graveside service will take place at 11 a.m. today, Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at the chapel at the VA Medical Center at Marion, Indiana. The U.S. Air Force will provide military honors.

Burial will follow in Marion National Cemetery in Marion, Indiana.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Geraldine Clark

AUBURN — Geraldine L. Clark, 89, of Auburn, died Monday, April 19, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Clark

Mrs. Clark worked as an assembler for the Dana Corp. in Auburn for over 30 years, retiring in 1983.

She was born in DeKalb County to Elsworth and Merle (LaRowe) Brown. She married R. Royce Clark on Oct. 6, 1951, in Portland, Ind. He died Aug. 18, 1983.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Sandy Boren of New Castle, Robert and Andrea Kester of Carmel, and Jack and Kim Clark of St. Joe; a daughter, Carolyn and John Schlup of Fort Wayne; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Luella and Raymond Aschleman of Auburn, Norma and Robert Dickison of Garrett and Sue Bock of Garrett; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; a son-in-law, Richard Lint of Fort Wayne; and three sisters-in-law, Patricia Brown of Auburn, Glenna Brown of Auburn and Ann Brown of Butler.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a daughter, Judith Lint; five brothers, Howard Brown, Clyde Brown, Edwin Brown, Clarence Brown and Richard Brown; and one great-granddaughter, Karli J. Bryan.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, 6316 Mutual Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

Donnie Likens

BUTLER — Donnie R. Likens, 26, died Saturday, April 17, 2010, at his home in Butler.

There are no services or calling scheduled.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler is in charge of arrangements.

Patti Mowry

AUBURN — Patti L. Mowry, 52, died Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at her home in Auburn.

There will be no calling.

A service will be held in Pennsylvania at a later date.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth Fee

HAMILTON — Kenneth D. Fee, 83, of Hamilton died Sunday, April 18, 2010, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola where he had been a resident the past three years.

Mr. Fee

He was born April 26, 1926, on the family farm, one mile south of Hamilton. He was the son of the late Charlie and Agnes (Everitt) Fee.

A Korean War Army veteran, Kenneth was a self-employed farmer, farming the family farm for his entire career. He also was employed by the Dana Corporation in Auburn, retiring with 30 years of service.

Surviving is his sister, Marlene (Loren) Jinnings Jr. of Pleasant Lake, Indiana; a brother, Leland Fee of Auburn, Indiana; along with 16 nieces and nephews, with numerous great-nieces and nephews.

His parents, brother, Ronald Fee, and a sister Ruby Stomm, preceded him in death.

Visitation for Kenneth D. Fee will be held on Thursday, April 22, 2010, from 2-4 and 6- 8 p.m. in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton, Indiana.

Funeral services for Kenneth D. Fee will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 23, 2010, in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home with Pastor Jeff Alexander officiating. Interment will follow in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorials in the name of Kenneth D. Fee may be given to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com

Elizabeth Zegenfus

AUBURN — Elizabeth A. "Beth" Zegenfus, 60, died Monday, April 19, 2010 ,at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn following her long battle with cancer.

Ms. Zegenfus

Beth was born on December 2, 1949, in Auburn to Garthard G. and Mary E. (Latson) Zegenfus.

She was a member of the last graduating class from Auburn High School in 1967, and was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She spent 30 years in the insurance profession, with Scott Insurance Agency and later at Brown & Brown where she retired in 2007.

Beth enjoyed boating, water sports, and especially enjoyed vacationing in the Virginia Beach area.

She loved country music, expecially the Statler Brothers, the Oak Ridge Boys and Alan Jackson.

Surviving Beth is her mother, Mary E. Zegenfus of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her father, Garthard G. Zegenfus.

Calling for Beth will be on Thursday, April 22, 2010, from 3 to 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Stephen K. Kummernuss officiating.

Arrangements by H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home of Angola.

Due to her love of cats and her avid support of the DeKalb County Relay for Life Events, in lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the DeKalb County Humane Society or Betz Nursing Home-Relay For Life Team.

To view the obit or sign the register book go to www.hejohnsonfh.com

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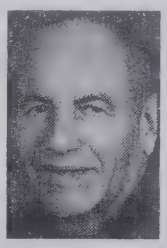
Dr. Floyd Johnson


Dr. Johnson

LAOTTO — Dr. Floyd "Doc" Joseph Johnson D.V.M., age 76 of LaOtto, Ind., died at 10:35 p.m. Sunday, April 18, 2010, at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne, Ind.

He was born March 1, 1934, in Garrett, Ind., to Stephen A. and Sylvia M. (Imbody) Johnson. They preceded him in death.

He married Mary Ellen Howe on May 30, 1964, in Hudson, Ind.

Prior to being co-owner of the Garrett Veterinary Hospital from 1970-2004, he was in the U.S. Naval Reserves.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, the K of C Council 1790 and the American Veterinary Association.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen Johnson of LaOtto; a daughter, Julie Anne (Joseph) Talley of Oregon City, Ore.; son, Arthur John "Butch" (Angie) Johnson of Auburn; a brother, Arthur (Rose) Johnson of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Emma, Andrew and Sarah Talley all of Oregon City, Ore., Brittney Kiessling of Fort Wayne, Blake Blaker of Auburn and Dane Johnson of Auburn.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, April 22, 2010, at 12:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, with Father Chuck Herman celebrating. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery in Garrett.

Visitation will be held today, Wednesday, April 21, 2010, from 2-8 p.m. with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56 Garrett, IN.

Memorials are to Byron Health Center.

To send a condolence or sign the online guest book visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Diana Alderman

BERNE — Diana Lynn (Kizer) Alderman, 64, died Thursday, March 25, 2010, at Chalet Village in Berne following an extended illness.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Church of Christ, 213 E. King St., Garrett. Pastor Ron Collins will officiate. The family will receive friends from 3-5 p.m. in the church basement following the service.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or to Family Hospice, 265 West Water St., Berne, IN 46711.

Michael Waffle

FLINT, Mich. — Michael Waffle, 52, of Flint, Mich., died Saturday, March 27, 2010, at McLaren Hospital, Flint.

A memorial service will take place Saturday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 1357 S. Randolph St., Garrett.

Carolyn Baughman

HARLAN — Carolyn M. Baughman, 67, died Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville with Pastor Gary Gates officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery in Harlan.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to South Scipio United Brethren Church, 24990 Antwerp Road, Harlan, IN 46743 or the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.

Claude Buss

CORUNNA — Claude A. Buss Sr., 80, of Indianapolis, and formerly of Corunna, died Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at an Indianapolis nursing home. No services are planned at this time.

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Rene Glenn

BUTLER — Rene Glenn, 77, of Butler died Thursday, April 22, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was born in Franklin, Ohio, on Nov. 18, 1932, to Frank and Carrie (Allen) Sexton.

Mrs. Glenn

She worked at Universal Tool and Stamping in Butler for 13 years before retiring.

Rene married Jesse K. Glenn on April 9, 1950, in Richmond, Ind., and he died Feb. 10, 2005.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, William L. and Kathy Glenn of Butler and Jesse and Tammy Glenn of Hamilton; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Dianne and Dennis Ellert of Waterloo, Kathy and Mike Crowl of Waterloo and Robin Glenn of Grabill; three sisters, Beulah Glenn of Seaman, Ohio, Carrie Goings of Reedsville, N.C., and Beatrice Trent of Dayton, Ohio; 10 grandchildren ;and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Michael Anthony Glenn; two brothers; and three sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Don Harris officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Salvation Army.

STAR
April 25 2010 Auburn, Indiana

A friendly face around Angola

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ANGOLA — Difficult times, like losing a job, can get some people down. But some use those difficult times to pick themselves up and start fresh. David Roger Baker was one such man.

Baker, who ran Baker's Window and Cleaning Service in Angola along with his wife, Janice, died March 31, at his home in Pleasant Lake. He was 67.

After the Kroger store left Angola in 1973, Janice said her husband, who'd been employed there, began doing odd jobs. Many of those jobs were around Steuben County's lakes, and included putting in people's docks.

"Whatever would pay the bills," Janice said. "I remember one time he came out of the water, and he was so cold, we just had to throw blankets and blankets on him."

Daughter Lisa Pardue said the business was just her father's best way to a job.

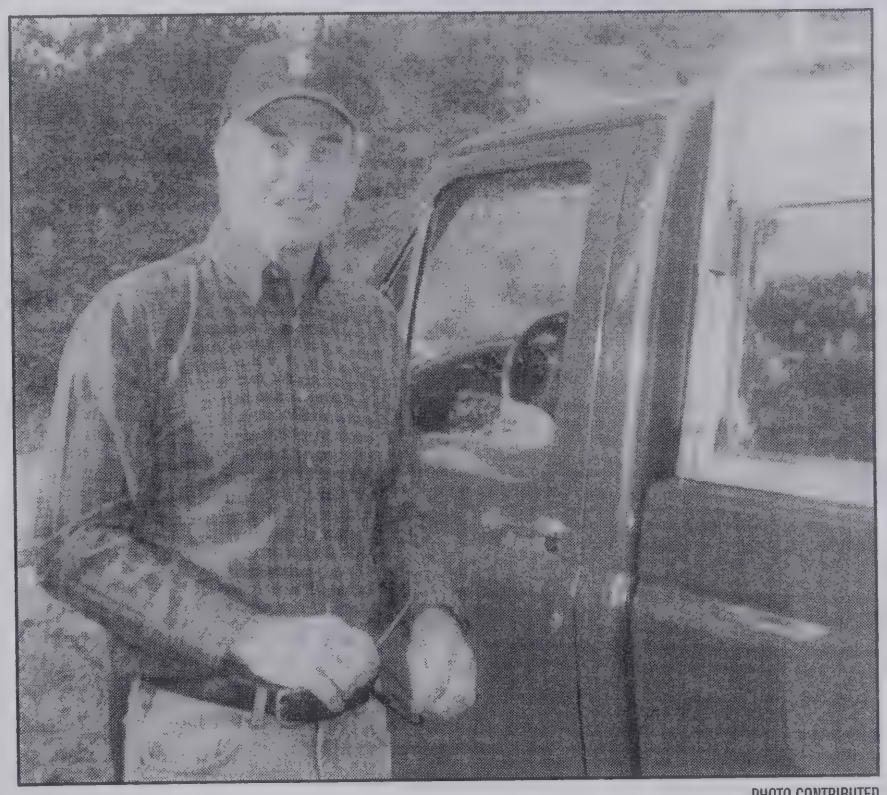
"The economy was bad, he was on unemployment and he couldn't find a job," Pardue said.

Eventually, Baker's business grew, and became more focused on window washing. At one time, Baker was responsible for cleaning nearly all the windows around Angola's Public Square, as well as homes around the lakes. He also cleaned windows in Fort Wayne for many of the cottage owners whose houses he cleaned around the lakes, as well as industrial sites like Tyden-Brammall.

Being able to work outside and communicate with others definitely suited Baker, Pardue said.

"Dad liked to talk. Everybody, pretty much, knew him," She said. "He was very good with people. He liked being his own boss."

Janice said her husband loved that his business afforded him the opportunity to meet people, as well as having the ability to see each other.



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David Roger Baker was a friendly face around Angola for decades, cleaning windows and lending a friendly ear to people downtown and across the city.

"He loved having people talk to him," Janice said. "At one time he cleaned almost the whole town, out to the Scott's store. I just did the ones I could handle. But we did it as a team." She noted that he'd done his best to teach her more about the business side before he died. "He schooled me in what to do with the business. He just took me through everything."

Son Brian Baker said his father was a great athlete and basketball fan.

"He always pushed himself, up until his body started to fail him," he said. In addition to basketball, Baker was also an avid tennis player and golfer. During his later years, Janice said, he also got heavily into fishing.

"He liked to swim, too," she noted. "And he taught many of the children around our lake to swim. He would have made an excellent teacher."

Pardue said that was just something her dad loved to do.

"He would pitch to us, go swimming with us," she said. "He always put the family first. Anytime he could help anyone, he would. He just was always trying to be a good person and a good citizen."

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Jail inmate found dead

Officials suspect Auburn man took his own life

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AUBURN — An inmate apparently committed suicide early Saturday morning in the DeKalb County Jail, according to a news release from the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department.

Jailers found Robert Warstler, 30, of Auburn dead in his cell at 1:55 a.m. while they were conducting hourly inspections, the news release said. An initial investigation found no foul play, and suicide is the probable cause of death, pending results of an autopsy, the release added.

Warstler

When jail officers discovered that Warstler was unresponsive and not breathing, they began cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, the release said. DeKalb EMS medics arrived shortly afterward and could not revive Warstler.

A sheriff's department official said Warstler apparently took a plastic trash bag from the bottom of a trash container and placed it over his head to cause his own death.

Inmates later told officers they had watched a movie on television in the cell block Friday night that depicted using a plastic bag as a way of committing suicide.

Inmates also told officials that Warstler had given no indication that he was depressed or intended to kill himself. They said he had been playing cards Friday night, and that his death came as a surprise to them.

The death is being investigated by the DeKalb County Coroner's Office, DeKalb County Sheriff's Department and Indiana State Police.

The news release said Warstler was being held at the jail on charges of dealing in methamphetamine, possession of precursors for methamphetamine, possession of

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methamphetamine, domestic battery with a child present, domestic battery and invasion of privacy.

Court records show that Warstler was arrested on all of those charges in September 2009 and was awaiting trials scheduled for Aug. 24 on the drug charges and Sept. 1 on the other charges. Court records also said Warstler was approximately 6-foot-4 and 260 pounds and showed that he previously lived in Angola.

A sheriff's department official said another inmate attempted suicide approximately 11 years ago and died six months later as a result of the attempt.

A woman died at the jail from medical causes about two years ago.

The jail was holding 97 inmates Saturday, above its rated capacity of 89 prisoners.

Robert Warstler

AUBURN — Robert D. Warstler, 30, died Saturday, April 24, 2010, in Auburn.

He was born Oct. 29, 1979, in Auburn. His mother and stepfather, Joyce (Crager) and Bob Crawford, survive in Angola. His father, David Warstler survives in Butler.

Mr. Warstler

Also surviving are two daughters and a son, Shelby Warstler of Tennessee and Logan and Lilly Moore, both of Butler; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Jennifer and Brian Munger of Waterloo and Rebecca and Kenny Yoder of Spencerville; and his grandfather, Lester Warstler of Auburn.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 South Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Scott Miner officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery, Butler.

Calling will Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to a trust fund for Shelby, Logan and Lilly, in care of Wells Fargo Bank.

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Vera Smith

HAMILTON — Vera M. Smith, 88, formerly of Hamilton, died Saturday April 24, 2010 at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehab in Angola.

Vera was born June 20, 1921, in DeKalb County to Floyd and Lora (Kaufman) Musser.

She worked for 15 years at Dekko in Hamilton, then for 10 years in the area, cleaning homes.

She married Lester O. Smith on October 1, 1941, in Bryan, Ohio, and he passed away February 11, 2005.

She is survived by a son, Leroy Smith of Hamilton; a granddaughter, Kimberly Quidort; four great-grandchildren, Christopher Quidort, William Quidort, Jack Leech and Jordan Leech; and three sisters, Alta Gettys of Waterloo, Wava Missler of Bryan, Ohio, and Velma Ellert of Ashley.

Her parents, her husband, her brother, Arnold Musser, and six sisters, Nina Canfield, Reba Lucas, Opal Stoy, Georgia Hartman, Ruth Hire and Janice DeYoung, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, Ind., with Jeff Alexander officiating.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Cameron Hospice.

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April 28 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Harold Stogsdill

BRINNON, Wash. — Harold L. Stogsdill, 74, of Brinnon, Wash., died Friday, April 23, 2010, in Auburn, Ind. He was in Auburn visiting his granddaughter, Michelle Kooistra, and her family.

Harold was born July 12, 1935, in Raymond, Ill., to Blufford and Myrtle (Gurley) Stogsdill. They have both passed away.

He was a graduate of Divernon High School in Illinois and International Technical Institute in Baton Rouge, La.

He was a union pipefitter for 44 years. He was a member of Pipefitters Local Union No. 145, Grand Junction, Colo.

His wife, Janet D. (Roberts) Stogsdill, survives in Brinnon, Wash.

Also surviving is a son and daughter-in-law, Randy K. and Debra Stogsdill of Greeley, Colo.; two daughters, Mitzi R. Stogsdill of Bolton Landing, N.Y., and Jodi L. Maurer of Grand Lake, Colo.; a brother, David P. Stogsdill of Greeley, Colo.; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

There are no services.

Cremation has taken place and his remains will be returned to the mountains of Colorado that he loved.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Gladys McNabb

SAINT JOSEPH, Mich. — Gladys I. (Leiter) McNabb, 83, of Saint Joseph, Mich., and formerly of Garrett, Ind., died Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at the Willows Nursing Home in Saint Joseph.

Before moving to Michigan, she was an active member of Auburn Alliance Church.

She was born Jan. 23, 1927 in LaOtto, Ind., the daughter of the late Clarence and Pearl Edith Leiter.

Mrs. McNabb

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Steven W. and Justine McNabb of Sawyer, Mich.; a daughter and son-in-law, Deborah J. and Tom Tarantino of Coloma, Mich.; grandchildren, David W. McNabb, Scott H. McNabb, Andrew P. Tarantino and Rebecca J. Thielmann; 11 great-grandchildren; a brother, Ray Leiter; and three sisters, Dorothy Martin, June Hadley and Mary Peduto.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold W. McNabb; four brothers, Glen, Glade, Robert and Cleo; and two sisters, Carrie Russell and Helen Thorn.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 1, 2010, with visiting one hour prior, at Auburn Alliance Church, 805 Old Brick Road, Auburn, Ind., with the Rev. Shaun Dufault officiating.

Visitation will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, Ind.

Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery at Newville, Ind.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, Grace Christian School at 325 N. M140 Watervliet, MI, or Hospice at Home Inc., 4025 Health Park Lane, Saint Joseph, MI 49085.

To sign the online guestbook or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington mccomb.com

Maurice McPheeters

GARRETT — Maurice L. McPheeters Sr., age 80, of Garrett died on Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. McPheeters

He was born September 2, 1929, in Garrett to Cornelius G. and Orpha Mae (Brown) McPheeters.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He married Shirley M. Barkey on February 24, 1968, and she preceded him in death on June 4, 2008.

Maurice was a Bartender at the Railroad Inn in Garrett for 30 years.

He was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, Garrett Eagles and Garrett American Legion and VFW.

Maurice is survived by a daughter, Teri McPheeters of Hamilton Lake; a son, Maurice L. McPheeters Jr. of Garrett; two brothers, Gary McPheeters of Garrett and Danny McPheeters of Fort Wayne; his granddaughters, Rachel Martin and Nicole McPheeters of Auburn; his great-granddaughters, Hayley and Audra Martin, Kaid McPheeters and Kilia Fugate; and a great-grandson, Schiler Wertman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Jesse and Jack McPheeters; and three sisters, Ruth Dirrim, Lucille Keyes and Mildred McPheeters.

The funeral service will be held on Friday, April 30, 2010, at 1 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56 Garrett, with Pastor Scott Miner officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery with military honors provided by the Garrett American Legion and VFW.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Heart Association

To send a condolence or sign the online guest book visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Eddie Vaughn

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — R. Edwin "Eddie" Vaughn age 56 of Kansas City, Mo., died Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at his home.

Calling will be Sunday from 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Leo Teders

AVILLA — Leo J. Teders, 88, of rural Avilla died peacefully with his family at his bedside on Thursday, April 29, 2010, at 9:20 p.m. at the DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. Mr. Teders had been in declining health for the last two years.

Mr. Teders

Leo was born on January 31, 1924, at his family home in Avilla to the late Joseph and Beatrice (Kreinbrink) Teders. On June 7, 1947, at the Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, he married Lois M. Fischer. She preceded him in death on March 17, 1988.

He was a lifetime Avilla resident and farmer. He worked for Flint & Walling in Kendallville as a machinist, retiring in 1988 after 32 years of service. Leo was known to be "Mr. Fix It." He also enjoyed being around his family, farming and woodworking.

He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy.

Leo was a member of the Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and the Avilla American Legion Post 240.

He is survived by four daughters and sons-in-law, Virginia and Roger Dancer, Brenda and Mark Weber and Beverly and Mike Edwards, all of Avilla, and Jane and Connie Feist of Columbia City; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; four sisters, Alice Meyer and Theresa (Fyi) Meyer, both of Avilla, Henrietta and Bob Harris of LaOtto and Lucy and Mike Higginbotham of Wolcottville; and two brothers, Herman and Harriet Teders of Avilla and Henry and Shirley Teders of Wisconsin.

His wife; his parents; a son, Dennis Teders; and two sisters, Mary Ann Fike and Elizabeth "Betty" Teders, preceded him in death.

Mass of Christian burial will be held on Tuesday May 4, 2010, at 11 a.m. at the Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Father Ed Eprpelding will officiate.

Burial will follow at the Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Visitation will be held on Monday, May 3, 2010, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. There will be an additional one hour of calling prior to the Mass at the church.

The rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral Home on Monday.

The family requests memorials be directed to Masses, Saint Mary's Catholic School Endowment Fund or Right to Life.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

Harold Hose

BUTLER — Harold H. Hose, 91, died Thursday, April 29, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Hose was a retired farmer and had worked for more than 50 years at the St. Joe Elevator.

Mr. Hose

He was a graduate of Butler High School.

He was born in Wilmington Township on April 16, 1919, to Walter and Alta (Farner) Hose. He married Naomi Larkin on May 22, 1942, in the EUB Parsonage in Newville. She preceded him in death on Feb. 15, 1991.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Ron Hagewood of Auburn, Anna Mae and Jim Harter of Brownsburg, Ind., Ruth and Randy Towers of Auburn, and Helen and Voyle Hartleroad of Butler; two sisters, Viola Houser of Columbia City and Grace (Judd) Gillespie of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Ralph, Wilber and Herbert Hose; and a grandson, Jeffrey Hagewood.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Richard Minehart officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Visitation will be Sunday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour before services.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent and video tribute viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com

Darrell Hicks

CORUNNA — Darrell Hicks, 62, died Thursday, April 20, 2010, at his home in Corunna.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery following the funeral service.

Visitation will also be Sunday at Harbor of Love Baptist Church south of Kendallville after 3 p.m. with an evening services at 6 p.m.

Funeral services will be Monday at the church at 11 a.m. Burial will take place at Corunna Cemetery.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Martha Strite

NILES, Mich. — Martha Elizabeth Strite, 94, of Williamsport, Pa., and formerly of Niles, Mich., and Angola, Ind., died Wednesday, April 28, 2010.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Emmanuel Baptist Bible Church in Niles.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery in Waterloo, Ind.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Halbritter Funeral Home in Niles is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Emmanuel Baptist Church, 216 Beeson Road, Niles, MI 49120 or Lake James Christian Assembly, 1880 W. C.R. 275N, Angola, IN 46703.

Darrell Hicks

CORUNNA — Darrell Von Hicks, 62, of Corunna, died on Friday, April 30, 2010, at his home in Corunna.

Mr. Hicks was born in Porter, Ky., near the Milton Conley hollar, on Jan. 5, 1948 to the late Harvey and Crystal (Thornsberry) Hicks. He married Linda Sue Cox on May 19, 1969, in Wise, W.V.

Mr. Hicks

He worked at Essex Wire in Kendallville for 32 years before retiring in 2008.

Darrell was a dedicated member of the Harbor Of Love Baptist Church near Kendallville. He loved to be outside, fishing, hunting, gardening and tending to his flowers. His family and church were the most important things in his life and he enjoyed good music and singing and visiting with people.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Sue Hicks of Corunna; two son, Stacy Hicks and Adam Hicks, both of Corunna; two daughters and a son-in-law, Serina and Kenneth Lynch of Corunna and Rachel Bidwell of Corunna; five granddaughters, Brittany Lynch, Katlin Hicks, Ashlie Hicks, Courtney Lynch, and Brooklyn Bidwell; four grandsons, Wyatt Hicks, Jesse Hicks, Carson Hicks, and Sedrik Hicks; six sisters and four brothers-in-law, Velma Glee and Rev. Jerry Collins of LaGrange, Ruby and Willie Sparkman of Corunna, Vessie and Herman Crager of Corunna, Margaret Johnson of Michigan, Refus and Carl Ashley of Kentucky, Margie Hicks of Kentucky; and five brothers and a sister-in-law, Chester Lee "Sonny" and Mavis Hicks of Corunna, Joey Hicks of Kentucky, Angelo Hicks of Kentucky, Charles Hicks of Kentucky and Cracker "Jimmy" Hicks of Kentucky.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers, William Lee Hicks and Mark "Buddy" Hicks.

Visitation will be today after 3 p.m. at the Harbor of Love Baptist Church south of Kendallville. There will be an evening service at 6 p.m.

Funeral Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Harbor Of Love Baptist Church with the Rev. Charles Mosley officiating the funeral service.

Burial will be at Corunna Cemetery following the funeral.

Casketbearers will be his two sons, Stacy Hicks and Adam Hicks, Kenneth Lynch, Keith Sparkman, Duane Sparkman, and Jeff Collins.

View a video tribute by Saturday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Betty Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Betty Jean Smith, 86, of Kendallville, died on Friday, April 30, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Smith was born in Goshen on July 10, 1923, to Chester Boyd Alheim and Laura Irene (Pendroy) Alheim.

She graduated from Avilla High School in 1942. She married Carlyle Vernon Smith in Albion and he preceded her in death in 1980.

Years ago she worked at the Lutheran Home in Kendallville as a nurse's aide.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Kendallville. She helped prepare the church bulletin, taught Sunday school, and was the church treasurer for a period of time. Betty loved being with her family, tending to her flowers, working crosswords puzzles in the paper everyday, and being involved in the church.

Survivors include two sons, Don Smith of Avilla and Timothy Smith of Kendallville; granddaughters Jennifer Lynn Smith of LaGrange, Betsy Burns of Texas, Mary Debra Verbeck of Texas, Angela Lawson of Texas and Karen Murray of Michigan; great-grandchildren Corey Watson, Michael Fugate and Talona Fugate; a brother, Chester Alheim of Goshen; and a sister, Virginia Smith of Goshen.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Susan Kaye Rice and brother, Max Alheim.

Memorial services will be at a later date at First Baptist Church in Kendallville.

Private burial will be at South Milford Cemetery.

Services are in the care of Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

STAR
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His heart was with the kids

BY DAVE KURTZ
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Kenneth and Margaret Junk of Auburn never had children of their own, but that didn't stop them from making a difference in the lives of young people.

"For many, many years, if you asked Ken how many kids he had, he'd say, 'I have a hundred, and they're all down in Terre Haute,'" said Zach Pies, director of development for Gibault Children's Services.

Mr. Junk died Feb. 24 at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn. He left behind a legacy at Gibault.

In 2006, the Gibault dedicated the Kenneth and Margaret Junk Group Home on its Terre Haute7 campus to honor the couple's years of generosity and dedication. The home houses up to eight students in a residential-style setting, as an alternative to a dormitory.

"Ken gave very, very strongly, and Ken wasn't a profoundly wealthy man," Pies said about Mr. Junk's donations to Gibault.

The Knights of Columbus founded Gibault in 1921 as a home for wayward boys.

"We are far more than that now," Pies added. Gibault provides housing and services for children who have been removed from their communities because of their behavior. It also provides programs to help families.

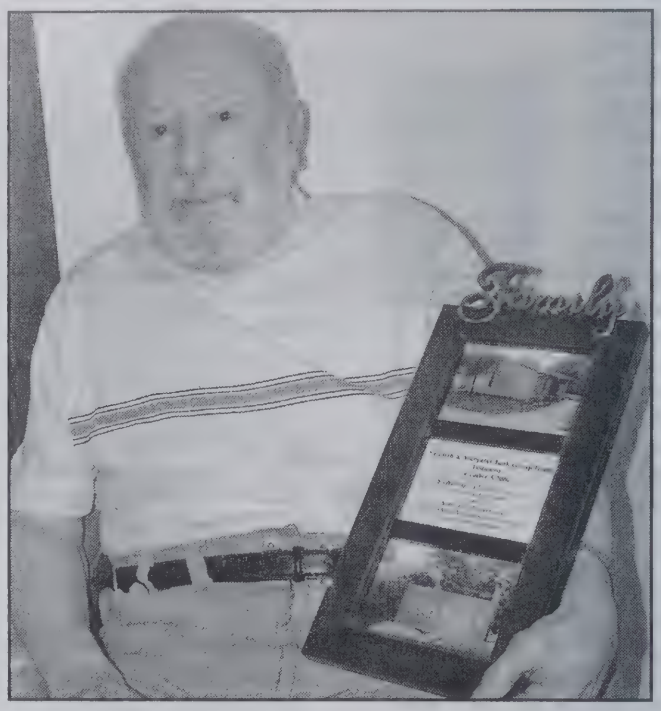
Through his involvement with Knights of Columbus, Mr. Junk became impressed with Gibault's mission.

"This was where his heart was," Pies said. "He was always curious about what was going on. He would call down at the beginning of the semester and say, 'What do my kids need?'"

Then, he would work to make sure those needs were met, through his own gifts and by enthusiastically recruiting other donors.

"We have a very strong presence of supporters and advocates in northeast Indiana," Pies said. "Ken got many of them involved."

Later in his life, Mr. Junk bought Gibault a multi-passenger golf cart to help transport other donors who had difficulty walking, as he did. When he no longer could drive, he donated his car to Gibault.



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Kenneth Junk holds an award he received on the day Gibault Children's Services dedicated the Kenneth and Margaret Junk Group Home.

Mr. Junk worked at Dana Corp. in Auburn for 30 years, many of them while operating a dairy farm. He served with the U.S. Marines in World War II and Korea. He was married to Margaret for nearly 48 years. She died in 1997.

On one of the last trips his health allowed Kenneth Junk to make to Terre Haute, Gibault dedicated its new group home in honor of Mr. Junk and his late wife.

"It was our honor to be able to do that," Pies said. "He was just a great man — love of country, love of faith, and he really loved our kids."

Charles Bloom

KENDALLVILLE — Charles Gordon Bloom, 75, of Kendallville died Monday, May 3, 2010, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bloom

Mr. Bloom was a lifelong resident of DeKalb and Noble counties. He retired from West Noble Middle School as an Industrial Arts and Science teacher. He was also a farmer.

He was a founding board member of Kid City in Kendallville, and was a founding board member for Science Central in Fort Wayne where he volunteered 1,007 and one-half hours. He also volunteered at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, completing 360 hours, and volunteered for the Salvation Army as a bell ringer.

He was a current member of the Board of Directors for Common Grace, and was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville where he was active in missions.

He was a member of the Future Farmers of America where he served as Vice President and Reporter from 1953 to 1955. His son, Greg, was also a state FFA officer serving as Treasurer from 1983 to 1984. They are the only father and son combination in Indiana to serve on the state level to this date.

He was known as the "Mayor" of Leighty Road because of keeping the roadsides clean, and was the caretaker of the Cree Lake Public Access site.

He enjoyed creating wetlands, wildlife preservation areas, and maintaining his tree farm. He also enjoyed fishing for bluegill.

Gordon was born August 26, 1934, in Waterloo to Charles and Florence (Hanson) Bloom. On July 29, 1962, in LaGrange he married Marlene June Brenneman.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Gary Helmkamp of Auburn and Sally and David Turner of Crawfordsville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Brad and Alisa Bloom of Kendallville and Greg and Laurie Bloom of Wolcottville; eight grandchildren, Kevin Bloom, Kyle Bloom, Ryan Bloom, Erin Bloom, Matt Helmkamp, Nate Helmkamp, Renae Turner, and Lucas Turner.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Retha Ruger; and his wife, Marlene Bloom on March 7, 1985.

Funeral services will be Thursday, May 6, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. in Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, with the Rev. G. Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Honorary casketbearers will be Kyle Bloom, Ryan Bloom, Erin Bloom, Nate Helmkamp, Renae Turner and Lucas Turner.

Active casketbearers will be Kevin Bloom, Matt Helmkamp, Wes Oswalt, Tom Stafford, Jerry Brenneman, Jeff Brenneman and Brent Ruger.

Calling is Wednesday, May 5, 2010, from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., and also one hour prior to services at the church on Thursday.

Preferred memorials are to Common Grace or to the Gordon Bloom Forest Education Fund. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

John Raabe

AUBURN — John H. Raabe, 81, died Saturday, May 1, 2010.

He was born in the Bronx borough of New York City, the son of the late John and Marie Raabe.

Mr. Raabe was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He retired as a mechanic with more than 30 years service from Consolidated Edison Co. of New York in 1987.

He was an avid gardener that probably stemmed from living in Ridgefield, Conn., for over 40 years. Those were his fondest memories being there with his family.

He is survived by his brother-in-law, Walter Hauser of Auburn; a nephew, Raymond Hauser of Fort Wayne; a niece, Carol Wire of Northport, Mich.; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Eleanor M. Hauser in 1999; and a nephew, Warren Hauser in 1984.

Private services will be held at a later date.

To send online condolences or to sign the guestbook, visit www.covingtonmemorial.com.

Paul Soule

BUTLER — Paul Eldon Soule passed away April 28, 2010, at 11:22 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana, after a long fight of health problems.

Mr. Soule

He was born June 26, 1935, to Fannie (Kellogg) and Russell Soule in rural Hamilton, Indiana. His wife of 52 years, Mary (Schelling) Soule survives him and four daughters, Roberta (Soule) Harrington of Monteplier, Ohio, Marsha (Soule) Coker of Montpelier, Ohio, Cindy (Soule) Martin of Washington state and Christina (Soule) Lovejoy of Monrovia, Indiana; and a sister, Madelyn Chrysler of Angola, Indiana.

In death he is preceded by his mother, Fannie, his father, Russell, a granddaughter, Sunnie Dae Antrump; and a great-granddaughter, Kate Lynn Coker.

He attended Metz School and graduated in 1953. Mary Schelling became his wife on June 14, 1958, and planted roots in Butler, Indiana.

The National Guard became a love of his from 1953 to 1962, in which gave him many stories to tell we four girls during our childhood.

His career in printing began at Higley printing in Butler, Indiana, from 1953 to 1960. After the closing of Higley's, Paul went to work at Tri-State Litho in Fort Wayne, Indiana, from 1961 to 1968 in which Keefer Printing bought Tri-State and Paul stayed with the company where he retired in 2000.

Paul befriended many people along his way, picking on and telling jokes. He always had a new joke to tell it usually was a belly buster.

Also surviving are 10 grandchildren, Chad, Cassie, Christopher, Clarissa, David, Robert, Branddan, Andrea, Jeremiah and Billy; six great-grandchildren; a nephew, Keith; and a niece, Beverly of Angola.

Visitation will be May 4 and May 5 from 2-8 p.m. at Wilson and Geesey Funeral Home, Montpelier, Ohio, with the service May 6, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Wilson and Geesey in Montpelier, Ohio.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Montpelier, Ohio.

Donations can be made in Paul's name to the Diabetes Foundation and the Lions Eye Bank.

Betty Smith

HOLLAND, Mich. — Betty Smith, age 82, of Holland passed away on Monday, May 3, 2010, at the Hospice House of Holland.

She was a member of the Holland Garden Club, Eastern Star and was also past editor of the Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club.

She was a past member of Hope Church in Holland and a current member of Garrett Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Chester Smith; and her children, Fred and Jackie Smith of Ann Arbor, Mich.,

Dottie Smith of Byhalia, Miss., Barbara and Perry Balgoyen of Allegan, Mich., and Jeff and Kenlyn Smith of Holland; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; a sister, Juanita Rhodes of Garrett, Ind.; six brothers and sisters-in-law, Margaret Brinkman of Coral Gables, Fla., Estelle and Mary Sue Smith of Garrett, Ind., Lois Stebing of Auburn, Ind., Homer and Gloria Smith of Twelve Mile, Ind., Ramona Rohm of Auburn, Ind., and Violet and Larry Hansche of Redding, Calif.; an aunt, Ethel Smith of Auburn, Ind.; and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

According to her wishes, Betty's body was donated to the University of Michigan Medical School.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Friday, May 7, 2010, at the Garrett Presbyterian Church, 201 S. Franklin St., Garrett, Ind. with the Reverend William R. Haworth will be officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Norm Gibson Foundation c/o Grand Valley State University.

Guy Mausteller

BUTLER — Guy I. Mausteller, 85, died Sunday, May 2, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital.

He was born on September 8, 1924, in Mifflinburg, Pa., to Irland D. and Ruth (Oberlin) Mausteller. He attended schools in West Milton and Milton, Pa., graduating from Milton High School at the age of 15 in 1940. Guy attended engineering school in Williamsburg, Pa.

Mr. Mausteller

He entered the U.S. Army in May of 1943 and served at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and the Pacific Theater in World War II. Guy received Honorary Status for life for his military service from the president of United States.

Guy worked for the Reading Railroad in Pennsylvania until 1953. He moved to Fort Wayne in 1953 to work at Peerless Mfg. Co. In 1960, he purchased Ladco Heating and Air Conditioning. Over the years he worked in the heating and plumbing business, Butler Company and Spade Heating and Plumbing until his retirement in 2002. He also spent many years as maintenance supervisor for DeKalb Eastern Schools.

Arrangements are by Lakeshore Memorial Services.

An on-line registry book is available at www.lakeshorememorial.com.

Guy was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church of St. Joe. and a member of the Indiana Sheriffs Association and former member of the Civil Defense in Allen and DeKalb counties.

Guy began service in volunteer fire departments in 1946 in Pennsylvania and later with the St. Joe Fire Department, serving as Assistant Chief. He was a former member of DeKalb County Firefighters Association, receiving Firefighter of the Year in 1977.

He was also a former member of the Butler Lions Club and served on the Butler Days Committee. Guy was a 50-year member of the Masonic Fraternity serving as Worshipful Master at South Gate, Auburn City, and Forest Lodges. He was a member of the Scottish Rite and York Rite and a life member of Garrett American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars in Waterloo.

Guy served as Mayor of the City of Butler from 1980 to 1988.

Guy married Glenda June Davis in Fort Wayne on September 29, 1962, and she survives. Also surviving are five sons, Guy Mausteller Jr. of Allenwood, Pa., Ronald (Ruth) Mausteller of Pleasant Lake, Steve (Sabina) Charles of Las Vegas, Nev., James (Cathy) Charles of Auburn; and David (Conni) Charles of Plattsmouth, Neb.; two daughters, Deborah (Ronald) Sherman of Fort Wayne and Kathleen (Michael) Prentice of Kendallville; 21 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Martha Coup; a daughter-in-law, Connie Mausteller; and a granddaughter.

Funeral services for Guy I. Mausteller will be Saturday, May 8 at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Merle Holden officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne, with military honors by the Garrett American Legion.

Visitation will be Friday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to services.

A Masonic Service will be held Friday at 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Mark Lutheran Church St. Joe, Forest Lodge 239 F&AM, or the Masonic Home in Franklin, Ind.

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Joseph Sprott

HARRISON, Ark. — Joseph Ezra Sprott, age 95, of Harrison died April 29, 2010, at North Arkansas Regional Medical Center.

He was born on September 22, 1914, in Auburn, Ind., the son of Donald Potter Sprott and Hazel Ensley Sprott.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville, Ark.

Mr. Sprott was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was the former mayor of Huntsville, having served in that capacity in the 1960s. He was a charter member of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, where he worked on many of its projects throughout northwest Arkansas.

He recently received a 60-year certificate as a 32nd Degree Mason.

A former resident of Kern County, Calif., Mr. Sprott moved his family to a ranch north of Huntsville in 1959, and he remained a resident of Madison County the rest of his life, finally settling on a small farm on Kings River, just outside of Marble.

Mr. Sprott is survived by his wife of 77 years, Virginia Kathryn Sprott, at home; and their five children,

Carolyn Lash

KENDALLVILLE — Carolyn Louise Lash, age 69, of Kendallville, died peacefully with her family around her beside on Monday, May 3, 2010, at her home near Kendallville.

Mrs. Lash

Mrs. Lash was born in Richland Township in DeKalb County, Indiana, on October 14, 1940, to the late Harold O. and Ida Mae (Smith) DeLong.

She graduated from Avilla High School in 1959.

She married David M. Lash on October 24, 1964, in Kendallville.

Carolyn has been the bookkeeper and manager of Lash Garage since 1979.

In the past, she worked at Campbell & Fetter Bank, Wagner Insurance and Hower Insurance.

Carolyn was an active member of the Harbor Of Love Baptist Church near Kendallville.

She helped make the church bulletin for Sunday morning worship and she volunteered many hours with Vacation Bible School in the summertime.

Carolyn was a longtime member of the Moose Lodge of Kendallville and she bowled for many years in the Kendallville Women's Bowling Leagues.

She always was attending all her grandkids sporting events and enjoyed spending time with her family.

Carolyn enjoyed gardening, genealogy, crossword puzzles and reading.

Survivors include her husband, David Lash of Kendallville; two sons, Lynn and Brenda Lash of Avilla and Jim and Tabatha Lash of Avilla; five grandchildren, Ashley, Aaron, Austin, Nicholas and Lauren Lash, all of Avilla; five brothers, Harold and Barbara DeLong of Auburn, Robert and Janice DeLong of Stroh, LeRoy and Jane DeLong of Auburn, Hugh and Ramonda DeLong of Albion and Paul and Sherri DeLong of Avilla; two sisters, Loretta and Charles Nesbitt of Avilla and Diana Morse of Kendallville; brothers and sisters-in-law, Nancy and Jack Traxler of Avilla, Dora Mae and Norman Hartman of Kendallville, Larry "Butch" Lash and his companion, Linda Hochstetler, both of Kendallville, and Wendy and Kellen Smith of Kendallville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her brother, Dale DeLong in 2005; a sister-in-law, P. Irene (Fischer) DeLong in 1996; a brother-in-law, Thomas Morse in 1991; and her nephew, Steven DeLong in 1989.

Visitation will be today, Wednesday, May 5, 2010, from 2-8 p.m. at Harbor Of Love Baptist Church near Kendallville on S.R. 3 South.

Funeral services will be Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 11 a.m. at Harbor Of Love Baptist Church. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Charles Mosley.

Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Casketbearers will be Aaron Lash, Jeff Wirick, Rock Blaskie, Heath Smith, Curtis Stetser and John Nesbitt.

Preferred memorials may be made to Harbor of Love Baptist Church Building Fund.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

STAR
May 6 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Russell Carper Sr.

CRYSTAL RIVER, Fla. — Retired businessman Russell Eugene Carper Sr., 71, of Crystal River, Fla., formerly of Kendallville, Ind., died Sunday, May 2, 2010, at Citrus Memorial Hospital's Hospice Care Unit in Inverness, Fla.

He was born Feb.10, 1939, in Garrett, Ind., to Chalmer and Alma Carper.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Marjorie Carper of Crystal River, Fla.; a daughter, Cheri (Brad) King of Kendallville, Ind.; two sons, Russell Carper Jr. of Kendallville, Ind., and Randy (Rebecca) Carper of Carlsbad, Calif.; three sisters, Francis Bright and Karen Carunchia, both of Kendallville, Ind. and Theresa Nash of Fort Worth, Texas; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hospice Care Unit of Citrus Memorial Hospital, Inverness, Fla.

Private cremation arrangements are under the care of New Serenity Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Crystal River, Fla.

Terry Gaar

GARRETT — Terry L. Gaar, age 63 of Garrett, Ind., died Wednesday, May 5, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Ind.

He was born December 9, 1946, in Fort Wayne, Ind., to Lloyd H. and Cleo M. (Bowsman) Gaar and they preceded him in death.

He was a graduate of Garrett High School class of 1965.

He worked at Fort Wayne National Bank in Fort Wayne, Ind., for 11 years and was a Senior Systems Engineer with Verizon Data Services for 25 years, retiring in 2004.

After retirement, he worked part-time for Gary Thrush Farming.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He was an avid golfer and a current Garrett City councilman.

He married Margaret "Peggy" Ley on June 22, 1968, in Garrett, Ind., and she survives in Garrett.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, Ind., and the Knights of Columbus Council 1790 in Garrett and the Mother Theresa Council of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus.

Surviving are his wife, Peggy Gaar of Garrett; a daughter, Julia and Ron Regazzi of Leo; a son, Travis and Christina Gaar of Garrett; his grandchildren, Victoria and Matthew Regazzi of Leo and Connor Gaar of Garrett; his father-in-law, Charles Ley of Garrett; a sister-in-law, Connie Ley of Fort Wayne; and a brother in-law, Joe Ley of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Cleo Gaar; a son, Jeffrey Gaar; and his mother-in-law, Victoria Ley.

Visitation will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday, May 9, 2010, at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, Ind., with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11 a.m. Monday, May 10, 2010, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

Burial with follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Avilla, Ind.

Memorials are to Masses, St. Joseph Catholic School or the education fund for his grandchildren.

Send condolences online or sign an online register book at www.thomasfuneralhome.org

George Haynes

FORT WAYNE — George Haynes, 47, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, May 5, 2010, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Haynes was a longtime editor for KPC Media Group Inc.

Visitation will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne.

Services will be held at the County Line Church of God, Auburn. Time of services will be announced later today.

Gerald Herron

KENDALLVILLE — Gerald Eugene Herron, 80, of Kendallville died Wednesday, May 5, 2010, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Herron

Mr. Herron was a lifetime area resident. He had earned a degree in Diesel Engine Repair and Refrigeration. He retired in 1991 from Newnam Foundry in Kendallville, after 46 years of service as an inspector.

He loved spending time with his family, and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He especially enjoyed spending time at the log cabin he built at Royer Lake. He also rescued all stray animals, with a special love for raising orphaned skunks.

He was born September 17, 1929, in LaOtto, to Esta and Beatrice (Reinoehl) Herron. On August 13, 1949, in Kendallville he married Beulah Crager.

Surviving are his wife, Beulah Herron of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Randy Ray of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Johnny and Natalie Herron of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Christy and Rick Bradley of Huntertown, Michael John Herron and his fiance, Taryn of Kendallville, Sonnie and Eric Lamb of California, John Gabriel Herron of Kendallville, and Kelley Lash of Angola; four great-grandchildren, Peyton Parker of Huntertown, Andrew Morr of Huntertown, Carter Morr of Huntertown, and McKenna Derck of Angola; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Agnes Mead of Kendallville, Dora Shephard of Kendallville, Shirley and Oscar Monroe of Wolcottville, and Sandy and Sam Weimer of Corunna; and a brother, Jim Herron and his fiance, Renae of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Retha Herron; a brother, Charles Herron; and a granddaughter, Sarah Herron.

Funeral services will be Saturday, May 8, 2010, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State S., Kendallville, with Pastor Mike Albaugh officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be today, Friday, May 7, 2010, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

George Haynes

FORT WAYNE — George S. Haynes, 47, went home to be with the Lord on May 5, 2010, after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Haynes

Born in Fort Wayne on August 27, 1962, George graduated from Elmhurst High School and IPFW earning a Bachelor's Degree in communications.

George began his employment career as a proud employee of the last independent pharmacy in Fort Wayne, Bauchbaum Drug Store on State Street. He was a courier for the pharmacy.

George had been employed by KPC Media Group/Kendallville News Sun for 24 years, most recently as night editor. He was an award-winning headline writer.

He attended County Line Church of God in Auburn, where he was active in the Youth Program, was a Sunday school teacher, a small group leader and was a mission's trip volunteer.

"George was a loving husband, father and friend, well loved by all who had the privilege to know him."

He was a bicycle enthusiast, enjoyed vacationing with his family, hiking at Turkey Run State Park, listening to the old WOWO Little Red Barn program and was an avid reader.

Surviving are his wife, Carol, and their two sons, Michael, at Anderson University, and Matthew, at Northrop High School; his mother, Harriet, of Fort Wayne; and brothers, Gary, of Bluffton and Victor (Sandy) of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his father, Victor Haynes Sr. and sister, Peggy Klepper.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at County Line Church of God, 7726 N. County Line Road, Auburn, Ind., with calling one hour prior to service at the church. Pastor Stuart Kruse and Pastor Dane Kruse will officiate. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will also be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road.

Preferred memorials to the Education Fund for Michael and Matthew.

Benjamin Lockhart

ASHLEY — Benjamin T. Lockhart, 33, of Lake City, Fla., died Wednesday, May 5, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Lockhart was a 1995 graduate of DeKalb High School.

He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service.

He was born Oct. 31, 1976, in Fort Wayne to Alan D. and Patty A. (Whitt) Lockhart.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Patty A. and Alan E. Singleton of Lake City, Fla.; his father and stepmother, Alan D. and Brenda K. Lockhart of Ashley; a brother and sister-in-law, Daniel A. and Stacy Lockhart of Pittsburg, Pa.; a stepbrother, Trevor B. Gerring of Chicago; two newphews, Devin and Tanin Lockhart; his grandparents, Richard D. and Lois Jean Lockhart of Ashley; and his stepgrandmother, Amada M. Tubbs of Elkhart.

He was preceded in death by his twin brother, Bryan L. Lockhart on Oct. 31, 1976; a grandmother, Velma M. Lockhart; and his grandparents, Birt and Osie Whitt.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson with Pastor Eric Piersimoni officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

Ada Roberson

AUBURN — Ada Lee Roberson, 92, of Auburn died Friday, May 7, 2010 at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was born Feb. 20, 1918 in Rockwood, Tenn., to Thomas O. and Flo T. (Tindill) King.

Mrs. Roberson

Mrs. Roberson attended Johnson City Business College in Johnson City, Tenn. She worked for the Farm Security Administration then as secretary to the director of Ridgeview Convalescing Center in Fort Wright, Ky. until her retirement in 1983. After her retirement she moved from Fort Wright to Stark, Fla., then in 1987 she moved to Auburn. She was a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church, Women's Circle of the church, Auburn Garden Club, Entre Nous Club of Auburn and Bridge Club of Hamilton.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-aw, Linda L. and Jedd Copenhaver of Auburn; daughter-in-law, Ruth T. Roberson (John Lindle) of Edgewood, Ky.; five grandchildren, Pam (Galen) Anspaugh, Debbie (Mark) Sager, Matthew (Amy) Roberson, Paul Copenhaver and his fiance Ann and Patrick (Kelly) Roberson; nine great-grandchildren, Alex Yarian, Sam Yarian, Levi Copenhaver, Brooke Copenhaver, Julia Sager, Sawyer Roberson, Carter Roberson, Reece Roberson and Ellie Roberson; brother and two sisters-in-law, Robert and Jean King of Keystone Heights, Fla. and Wilma King of Newport Richey, Fla. and several nieces and nephews and their families.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, A. Clayton Roberson Sr.; son, A. Clayton Roberson Jr. and three brothers, James S. King, Thomas O. King Jr. and Charles F. King.

Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Rev. Wilbur Yates and Rev. O. Dale Williams officiating. Burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is noon-2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Serving as pall bearers will be Paul Copenhaver, Pat Roberson, Matthew Roberson, Galen Anspaugh, Mark Sager, Alex Yarian, Sam Yarian and Levi Copenhaver. Memorials can be directed to Auburn First United Methodist Church or the American Cancer Society.

Zachary Hundagen

AUBURN — Zachary Michael Hundagen, 30, of Auburn died Friday May 7, 2010 at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

He was born July 29, 1979 in Auburn to Peter M and Deborah (Ritenour) Hundagen. His father preceded him in death in 1999.

Zach was a member of St. Marks Lutheran Church in Auburn.

He is survived by his mother, Deborah Hundagen of Auburn; two sisters, Sarah Hundagen and Laura Hundagen, both of Indianapolis; grandparents, Norman and Phyllis Ritenour of Pleasant Lake; two uncles, Jeff Ritenour and Kim Charleston both of Pleasant Lake; and two cousins, Joe Charleston of Phoenix, Ariz. and Cecile Buchanan of Fort Wayne.

Services will be 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating.

Calling is Monday, 4-8 p.m. and also one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials can be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Mayola Walter

BUTLER — Mayola Walter, 91, died Sunday, May 9, 2010, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

She owned and operated the 113 Restaurant in Auburn for eight years and also Walter's Catering Service for 20 years.

She was a member of Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church and the Ladies Circle of the church.

Mrs. Walter was a former member and treasurer of the Greater Republican Club of Ocala, Fla.

She was born Oct. 6, 1918, in Wilmington Township in DeKalb County to Frank and Goldie (Harter) Ginder. She married Dale Walter Sept. 14, 1935, in Newville and he died March 10, 1997.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Donna Lou and Bill Farmer of Fort Wayne; four sons and three daughters-in-laws, Burmell and Jean Walter of Nappanee, Burgess and Kathy Walter of Ocala, Fla., Morris and Jo Walter of Fortville, Ind., and Ron Walter of Butler; a sister and brother-in-law, Lois and Fred Fry of Alamo, Texas; and a siser-in-law, Mary Lou Ginder of Butler; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, Earl and Robert Ginder; and a grandson, Steve Farmer.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in Butler with the Rev. Mike Halferty officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Butler.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials can be directed to the Steve Farmer Memorial Scholarship Fund.

STAR

May 12 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Former Garrett mayor dies

GARRETT — Marcella M. Zerns Clabaugh, 87, of Garrett, died early Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at the Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Facility, Defiance, Ohio.

She was a former mayor of the City of Garrett.

Arrangements are pending with the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 N. Lynn St., Bryan, Ohio.

Visitation will take place at the Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

A full obituary will appear in Thursday's edition.

Irene Terry

GARRETT — Irene Ellen Terry, 96, of Garrett died Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Terry was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Zion 16 Lutheran Church in rural Corunna.

She was born December 14, 1913, in Waterloo, to Theron and Gertrude (Schuster) Farrington.

She married Maurice W. Terry on January 1, 1937, in Jackson Township. He passed away July 28, 1998.

Mrs. Terry

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Sandra Terry of Garrett; four daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Norman Peters of Tinley Park, Illinois, Sherrill and Wayne Peters of Auburn, Sandy and Phil Aldrich of Fort Wayne, and Joan Ice of FortWayne; nine grandchildren and their spouses, Dennis and Kathy Peters, Denise and Brian Graham, Doug and Cindy Peters, Darren and Dyane Peters, Ryan and Rachelle Peters, Heath and Kari Peters, Brent and Christen Terry, Cindy and Scott Lung, and Christopher Ice; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a sister, Phyllis Metcalf; a brother, John Farrington; two grandsons, Randy William Terry and Matthew Paul Terry; and a great-grandson, Isaac Lung.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor John Stuck officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday and from 10-11 a.m. Saturday prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Zion 16 Lutheran Church in rural Corunna.

Nelle Carteaux

AVILLA — Nelle Esther Carteaux, age 82, died peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at 11:30 a.m. She had been ill for the past three and a half months.

She was born in Anderson, Indiana, on September 11, 1927, and was the daughter of Claude and Trillah (Stephens) White. She graduated from Anderson High School, and earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Ball State University.

On June 9, 1951, she married Russell Carteaux Sr. at the Auburn Catholic Church. They were married almost 59 years. He survives in Avilla.

Mrs. Carteaux was the former owner of Rainbows N Unicorns, a craft store, and the former executive secretary of the Noble County Chapter of American Red Cross. She was also a former Avon representative.

She was a member of the Avilla Lions Club, St. Mary's Rosary Society, Avilla Post 240 Legion Auxillary, Hoosier Hissers Cat Club, Noble County Library Board, and the Noble County Local Emergency Planning Committee. She was also a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

Mrs. Carteaux had many hobbies including crocheting, knitting, cat shows with her registered Birman cats, reading, crossword puzzles and genealogy.

She also started Monday hot lunch programs at St. Mary's, and also worked the bingo games there.

Other survivors include her children, Jane (Bob) Cartwright of Wilmington, Illinois; Jean (Ed) Hollis of Grandville, Michigan; Russel Jr. (Laura) Carteaux of Avilla; Richard (Tina) Carteaux of Marion; Timothy (Lora) Carteaux of Kendallville; Ann (Mark) Robbins of Kendallville and David (Connie) Carteaux of Kendallville; 20 grandchildren; 11 stepgrandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild; and a sister and her husband, Ruthie and Robert Jones.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Father Ed Erpelding will officiate.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-7:30 p.m. today, Thursday, at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla. A rosary service will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. tonight. Calling is also one hour prior to the service on Friday.

Donations in loving memory of Nelle can be made to the family.

Marcella Clabaugh

GARRETT — Marcella M. Zerns Clabaugh, 87 years, of Garrett, Indiana, died early Tuesday May 11, 2010, at the Defiance Area Hospice Inpatient Facility, Defiance, Ohio.

Mrs. Clabaugh

Marcella was born October 1, 1922, in Garrett, Indiana, to the late Harry and Florence (Sampson) Van Lear.

She was a 1940 graduate of Garrett High School.

Marcella married Maxwell Zerns on February 6, 1942, and he preceded her in death on May 9, 1979. She then married Donald Clabaugh on March 20, 1985, in Hicksville, Ohio, and he also preceded her in death on January 16, 1997.

Marcella began her career as the secretary to former Garrett Mayor Fred Feick, a position she held for 14 years. She then was elected to the position of Clerk Treasurer for the City of Garrett, which she held for five terms.

Marcella was elected as Mayor of the City of Garrett, the first female mayor in DeKalb County, for one term, retiring at the completion of that term.

She was a lifelong member of the Garrett First Church of Christ where she taught Sunday school for many years and sang in the choir and was a member of the Missions Committee. She was also the treasurer for the Bill Loft Mission, Inc., and a member of the Lake James Assembly of Christian Women.

She was a member of the Business and Professional Women in Garrett, Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority Alumna Chapter, secretary of the Garrett High School Class of 1940 Alumni, president of the Indiana League of Municipal Clerk Treasurers in 1978-1979, the Garrett Historical Society, the Garrett Chamber of Commerce and was a former president of the Board of Directors for the Morrill Foundation and was a board member of the Wyatt Memorial Foundation.

She also gave of her time to be a Cub Scout Den Mother. She enjoyed all sports especially the Indianapolis Colts, Indiana University Basketball and the Chicago Cubs.

Most of all, Marcella loved spending time with her family and friends and being an active and integral part of her community and church. Marcella will be remembered by many in DeKalb County and beyond for a host of reasons, for she was a woman who led by example and was of great substance and character. She took great pride in her family, community and church. Marcella will be missed by many, but remembered forever by all who met or knew her.

Surviving are her two grandchildren, Deborah (Scott) Pruitt of Valparaiso, Indiana, and their children, Katie, Nick and Abbey; Joel Scott Zerns of Noblesville, Indiana, and his son, Sam; stepchildren, Connie Clabaugh, Darlene Clabaugh, Mary (Ron) Schoenle, and Denny (Tonia) Clabaugh; grandchildren, Jeff (Kim) Schoenle and their children Garrett, Gavin, Gradyn and, Gabrianna Schoenle, Aubrey Clabaugh and her children Josh and Avery Clabaugh, Barb (Kendall) Sydnor and their children Annie, Charlie, Oliver Sydnor, Chris (Angie) Clabaugh and their son Landon Lee; Andrew Clabaugh, Jake Clabaugh, Jennifer Schoenle, Jody Schoenle, and several foster grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Patricia Turnbull of Hicksville, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands, Max and Don; son, Joel M. Zerns; stepson, Larry Clabaugh; brother, Robert Van Lear; sister-in-law, Marge Van Lear; and brother-in-law, Lloyd Turnbull.

Visitation for Marcella M. Zerns-Clabaugh will be held on Friday, May 14, 2010 from 4-8 p.m. in the Thomas Funeral Home 1277 County Road 56, Garrett, Indiana.

Funeral services for Marcella will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 11 a.m. in the First Church of Christ, 213 W. King St., Garrett, with Ministers Nathan Powell and Larry Weller officiating. Interment will follow in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Friends may also call one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday at the church. Professional services have been entrusted to and conducted by Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, 206 N. Lynn St., Bryan, Ohio.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of contributions to the Garrett First Christ of Christ or Lake James Christian Assembly.

Condolences may be sent to the family, or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com

Mary Bartlett

NEWVILLE — A graveside memorial service for Mary Lois Rakow Bartlett will be at 11 a.m Saturday at the Newville Cemetery in Newville.

Mrs. Bartlett, 88, and formerly of Fort Wayne died Aug. 6, 2009, at Greenville Memorial Hospital in South Carolina.

Wallace Puckett

WATERLOO — Wallace T. Puckett, 52, of Waterloo died Tuesday, May 12, 2010, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Marilyn Puckett.

Dallas Griffin

BUTLER — Dallas E. Griffin 77, passed peacefully at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne with his family at his side on May 11, 2010.

Dallas was born on September 21, 1932, in Butler to Royce and Wava (Robinson) Griffin. He married Patricia Driver on November 19, 1955, in Angola and she survives.

Mr. Griffin

Also surviving are a daughter, Alice Wasson of Butler; a son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Donna Griffin of Butler; four grandchildren, Angi and Jamie Miller of Hicksville, Ohio, Candi and Jeff Lands of Paulding, Ohio, Kelsi Wasson of Fort Wayne, and Cody and Heather Griffin of Butler; six great-grandchildren Colby, Janae and Conner Miller, Kayne Wasson, and Mary and Kalel Lands.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Elvin Lee Griffin; and a sister, Maxine Eddy.

He was a proud Marine, serving in the Korean War, and a member of American Legion Post 202, Butler, serving in the honor guard.

Dallas retired from Spangler Candy in Bryan, Ohio.

He was a retired member of the Butler Fire Department, serving 20 years.

Dallas was an avid fisherman, hunter, and enjoyed making canes for his friends.

Funeral services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Matt Snodderly officiating.

Visitation will be today, Thursday, from 3-7 p.m. and one hour prior to service Friday.

Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery with military honors by American Legion Post 202.

Preferred memorials are to Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry or the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent and a video tribute viewed at www.hejohnsnfh.com

Violet Seigel

GARRETT — Violet L. Seigel, 88, of Garrett died Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Seigel was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

She was born May 5, 1922, in Garrett to William H. and Helen (Gingery) Kleeman.

She married Wilber R. Seigel on May 31, 1942, in Myrtle Beach, S.C.. He died Nov. 15, 1988.

Surviving are two sons, William R. Seigel of Garrett and Jack D. Seigel of Garrett; a granddaughter and her husband, Gina and Timothy Maloney of Auburn; two great-grandchildren, Whitney Evans and Terrin Dietrich; and a sister-in-law, Kate Kleeman of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a sister, Virginia L. Peters; and a brother, Donald M. Kleeman.

Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St, Auburn, with the Rev. Jeffrey Horn officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday prior to the funeral service.

Memorials may be directed to the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Garrett.

Joan L. Kohl

AUBURN — Joan L. Kohl, 80, of Auburn died Thursday, May 13, 2010, at DeKalb Memorials Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Kohl worked for the Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 23 years, retiring in October of 1991.

She was a graduate of Auburn High School, class of 1948.

She was a member of the St. Marks Lutheran Church in Auburn. She was also a member of the Auburn Eastern Star.

She was born Oct. 23, 1929, in Auburn to Clifford and Agnus (Kline) Parrett. They both preceded her in death.

She married Dale F. Kohl on Aug. 7, 1948, in the St. Marks Lutheran Church in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Dianne and Pat Gentis of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Kathy Kohl of Auburn; and 13 grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 4-6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Sarah Eldridge

GARRETT — Sarah Jean Eldridge, 85, of Garrett died at 5 p.m. Friday, May 14, 2010 at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

She was born Jan. 19, 1925 in Auburn to Walter I. and Edna M. (May) Eldridge.

Ms. Eldridge

Ms. Eldridge graduated from Manchester College in 1948 with a Bachelor of Science degree in education. She worked in Pemberton, Ohio; Flint, Indiana; Modock, Indiana; and the Garrett-Keyser-Butler school system, from which she retired in 1986 after 33 years. She was a member of the Manchester Church of the Brethren and attended Garrett United Methodist Church. She was a member of the DeKalb County Retired Teachers, Retired State Teachers, Daughters of the American Revolution and the National Education Association.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Marjorie E. Eldridge, and sister and brother in-law, Lucile and Dale L. DePew.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Thomas Funeral Home, Dr. Scott Shoaff of the Garrett United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will take place in Sedan Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling is two hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences and an on-line register book are at thomasfuneralhome.org

STAR
May 16 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Trucker wanted to make a home

BY JIM SHILANDER
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HAMILTON — John Evans' job didn't always allow him to be home, but his wife and children said he always did his best to make the most of the time he had.

Evans, a veteran long-haul trucker from Hamilton, died May 8 at age 71.

Wife Maxine said the two met at a restaurant in Columbus and were married after a brief courtship.

"We eloped to West Virginia," Maxine said. "We had the ceremony in the back of a five-and-dime store. We made it a honeymoon. That was just the way he wanted to do it."

The pair had borrowed Evans' brother Albert's convertible for the occasion.

"He wasn't much for ceremony," daughter Jackie Burris joked.

After driving a milk truck for several years, Evans worked as a long haul trucker at the company owned by brother Albert's twin, Elbert, Evans Equipment in Butler. Often, daughter Pamela Swander said, the girls would run out to greet their father when he'd come back from a week of driving. When he'd get back he'd work on the family's farm.

"We'd have pigs, cows, horses. He loved his farm animals," Swander said. "He'd grown up on a farm."

The girls would work the farm while Evans was away during the week.

"He'd try to make boys of his girls," she joked. She said she remembered her father driving the tractor while she sat in the wagon. "I used to love going out on the wagon," she said.

Daughter Cindy Evans said that while her father might have been gone for fork, he wasn't gone from his children's lives.

"He wasn't always there, but he wasn't absent," she said. Evans was a constant at his daughters' 4-H activities, she said, and he was always supportive. "He was a pretty easy-going dad, but when we grew up it became a relationship of respect. He was there for me when I was going through some tough times."

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

John Evans sits with grandsons Justin, left, and Jonathan Burris. Evans was a long-time trucker who did his best to provide a home for his family despite his long weeks on the road.

Oldest daughter Mary Gingerich said her father would do his best to help his neighbors, especially nearby Amish families.

"He really liked helping them out, he'd deliver them things they needed, he'd drive them places," Gingerich said. "I didn't realize just how many friends he had until the service."

Gingerich, who's worked to put together a family genealogy, said her father was invaluable resource.

"He remembered everything," she said. "All I had to do was talk to him and he'd tell me stories about everyone. I'm really going to miss him."

When Jackie, the youngest daughter, was 14, Evans left long haul trucking to work closer to home.

"I think that's where he wanted to be," Burris said.

That decision left him more time to pursue his other hobby, buying old tractors and trucks at auctions. Or, as Maxine called them "junk."

"He called it art work, I called it junk," she said. "I told him he should have been in junk for business."

"He knew it well," Burris said. "He loved auctions, buying junk, every second-hand thing he could get his hands on. He liked to drive old trucks. If it didn't work, or if it wasn't in the best shape, that's what he wanted."

Gingerich said her father got many of his items from friends who were just looking to get rid of things.

Evans' family also remembered him as enjoying Christmas, or at least, enjoying teasing his kids around Christmas.

"He straight tormented us with Christmas presents" Burris said. "He used to give us hints as to where they might be, but they wouldn't be close to where they were."

Swander said sometimes the girls would get their father to let them open one item on Christmas Eve, but that they didn't press their luck beyond that.

Maxine said her husband was also the family's toy tester, despite not having any boys.

"He had to play with all of the toys," she said. "Especially the video-games."

Lyle Parker

HUDSON — Lyle W. Parker died May 15, 2010, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola, Indiana.

Mr. Parker

Lyle was born to Wilma and Harvey Parker on March 4, 1918, in Steuben County and lived here all of his life.

He worked for the Steuben County Highway Department from March 1955 until his retirement in November 1985.

He married Pauline Hafer on Feb. 14, 1942, and she preceded in him in death on May 13, 1986.

He was also preceded in death by both of his parents and one sister, Evelyn.

He is survived by one son, Robert Parker and daughter-in-law, Carol, of Angola; one granddaughter, Kelly Parker of Columbia City; one great-grandson, Sage Parker; and a stepgreat-granddaughter, Delaney.

Also surviving are one sister, Eva, in Hudson, Florida; a stepgrand-daughter, Kelly and her husband Mike and their three sons who live in Auburn, Indiana; a stepgranddaughter, Becky and her husband Chuck and their two sons who live in Coldwater, Michigan; and a stepdaughter, Stacey and her daughter who live in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, Indiana, on Wednesday, May 19, with Pastor Lance Witham officiating.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, May 18, from 5-7 p.m.

Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Jack Winbourne

AUBURN — Jack C. Winbourne, 60, of Auburn died Saturday, May 15, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Winbourne

Mr. Winbourne was a master technician with Chrysler Corp. for 27 years.

He was an Air Force Veteran serving during the Vietnam War and was a member of the American Legion in Indianapolis.

He was born April 11, 1950, in Wilson, N.C., to Charles and Dorothy Winbourne.

Surviving is his wife, Cindy Winbourne of Auburn; daughters, Megan Winbourne of Wilson, N.C., and Morgan Winbourne of Rocky Mount, N.C.; sons, Adam and Brandon Winbourne, both of Rocky Mount, N.C.; stepdaughters, Rhonda Harden of Waterloo, Tina Johnstone of Auburn, Akita Pepper of Waterloo and Amber Prentice of Kentucky; a stepson, Carl Winebrenner of Buckley, Ill.; and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Entombment will be in the Auburn Mausoleum.

Memorials are to the family.

To sign the online guest book or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com

D. Eric Franks

TALBOTT, Tenn. — David Eric Franks, 50, of Talbott and formerly of Noble County, Ind., died Sunday, May 9, 2010, in Kingsport, Tenn.

He was a well-known music instructor in northeast Indiana and in Tennessee.

Mr. Franks was an accomplished banjo player. He had been a member of several bands beginning in 1971, including The Sounds of Eric and Mark, Drivin' Bluegrass and Todd Herendeen and The FTD Band.

Mr. Franks was a member of Masonic Lodge 231.

He is survived by his parents, David J. and Norma L. Franks of Talbott; a brother, Steven D. Franks of Talbott; a daughter, Tiffany Nicole Franks of Fort Wayne, Ind.; two stepdaughters, Angie Snider and Tina Johnson, both of Auburn, Ind.; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 12, at Westside Chapel Funeral Home in Morristown, Tenn.

Graveside services were held Thursday, May 13, at Bethesda Cemetery. Pallbearers were Mark Gaines, Nathen Dice, Mitch Smith and Danny Goodman.

Memorials are to the family in care of David and Norma Franks, 6485 Clover Lane, Talbott, TN 37877.

Westside Chapel Funeral Home in Morristown, Tenn., was in charge of arrangements.

Robert Whetsell

GARRETT — Robert Charles Whetsell, 64, of Garrett, Ind., passed away at 2:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at Northern Indiana Health Care Systems in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Robert was born September 2, 1945, in Anderson, Indiana, to the late Charles H. and Pauline (Schriattr) Whetsell.

He retired from Electric Motors & Specialty Inc. with 21 years of service.

Robert has served in the Navy and was a member of the American Legion in Garrett and a former member of the Eagles and VFW in Garrett.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Ian Kropp.

His family includes his wife, Charlotte (Warstler) Whetsell of Garrett; daughters, Trachy Kropp of Kendallville and Jennifer (Jason) Reynolds of Auburn; a sister, Charlotte Unclebach of Texas; and grandchildren, Sarah and Allison Kropp and Esabelle Whetsell.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 21, 2010, in the VA Protestant Chapel, 1700 E. 38th St., Marion, Ind., with military honors and burial in Marion National Cemetery.

Casey Lloyd Funeral Home, 2901 S. Washington St., Marion, is in charge of arrangements.

Daisy Kratzer

GARRETT — Daisy Avanelle Kratzer, aged 98, of Garrett died Monday, May 17, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kratzer

Daisy was born March 11, 1912, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, to Charles L. and Myrtle (Thomson) Metzger.

She was a member of First Church of Christ, Garrett, where she was a Sunday school teacher of the Amicus Class, missions newspaper editor and a supporter of worldwide missions.

She worked at Messenger Corporation in Auburn, the Garrett License Bureau, was a bookkeeper for Donley Motor Company in Garrett, was a punch press operator at Rieke Corporation and then worked for 23 years as Executive Secretary to the CEO, Small Motor Division of GE in Fort Wayne, retiring in January 1967.

Daisy married Thomas J. Reese Jr. in October 1931 in Auburn and he died in 1950. She married Keith Kratzer and they were married for 27 years until his death in March of 1973.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Gareth Lee and Kathleen E. Reese of Moberly, Mo.; two grandsons and their spouses, Tim and Kim Reese and Jon and Kathy Reese; and three great-grandchildren, Abigail Leigh Reese, Courtney Renae Reese and Ian Michael Reese.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands; two brothers, Ainsworth "Bill" Metzger and Victor Metzger; and two sisters, Marjorie Baker and Olevia Keeler.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday, May 21, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, Ind., with Nathan Powell officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling is from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Lake James Christian Assembly, Angola, or Central Christian College of the Bible, Moberly, Mo.

Robert Whetsell

GARRETT — Robert Charles Whetsell, 64, of Garrett, Ind., passed away at 2:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at Northern Indiana Health Care Systems in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Robert was born September 2, 1945, in Anderson, Indiana, to the late Charles H. and Pauline (Schriattr) Whetsell.

He retired from Electric Motors & Specialty Inc. with 21 years of service.

Robert has served in the Navy and was a member of the American Legion in Garrett and a former member of the Eagles and VFW in Garrett.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Ian Kropp.

His family includes his wife, Charlotte (Warstler) Whetsell of Garrett; daughters, Tracy Kropp of Kendallville and Jennifer (Jason) Reynolds of Auburn; a son, Michael (Leah) Whetsell of Justin, Texas; a sister, Charlene Unclebach of Frisco, Texas; and grandchildren, Sarah and Allison Kropp and Isabelle Whetsell.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 21, 2010, in the VA Protestant Chapel, 1700 E. 38th St., Marion, Ind., with military honors and burial in Marion National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to the dementia ward at the VA Hospital, 1700 E. 38th St., Marion, IN 46753.

Casey Lloyd Funeral Home, 2901 S. Washington St., Marion, is in charge of arrangements.

Evelyn Casselman

KENDALLVILLE — Evelyn I. Casselman, 84, of Kendallville and formerly of Auburn died Wednesday, May 19, 2010, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Evelyn was born May 18, 1926, in Auburn to Melvin J. and Sophia A. (Draggoo) Brandon.

She worked for the Auburn Police Department as a school crossing guard at 15th and Main streets for 11 years.

She was a member of the Auburn Women's Bowling Association since 1969 and a member of the Auburn Bowling Association Hall of Fame.

She also loved to roller skate.

She married Winfred L Casselman on January 10, 1943, in Fort Wayne and he died March 9, 1986.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Alvin D. and Deb Casselman of Hamilton, Gary W. and Karen Casselman of Leo and Steve J. Casselman of Hamilton; two daughters and sons-in-law, Marilyn and Dean Wildeson of Huntertown and Rhonda and Roger Evans of Pleasant Lake; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two sisters-in- law, Sandra Brandon of Ashley and Juanita Brandon of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; three brothers, Robert E. Brandon Sr., Richard O. Brandon and Harold L. Brandon; and a granddaughter, Lois Casselman.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday May 22, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is two hours prior to the service Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the DeKalb County Heart Association, American Cancer Society or the Diabetes Association.

Virgilia Schlotterer

GARRETT — Virgilia "Jill" Rose Schlotterer, 69, of Garrett died at 5:14 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett with Fr. Andrew Nazareth officiating. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery in Garrett.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. with a Rosary service at 7:30 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to Masses.

To send a condolence or to sign the online guestbook go to www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Doris Metcalf

AUBURN — Doris Ann Metcalf, 83, of Auburn died Thursday May 20, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Metcalf worked as a secretary for the DeKalb Central School System for 25 years. She also worked as a secretary for the DeKalb County Clerk's office.

She received her BSS degree from the International Business College in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Garrett VFW, ACD Ladies Auxiliary, Garrett Eagles Auxiliary, Hamilton Fish and Game Club, and was a 50-year member of the Women of the Moose in Auburn.

She was born January 19, 1927, in DeKalb County to William H. and Pearl (Elson) Smith. She married Robert D. Metcalf on August 21, 1948, in the Waterloo United Methodist Church. He passed away May 30, 1996.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Rex Alan and Robbin Metcalf of Kingsport, Tenn.; two daughters, Sharon Cline of Kingsport, Tenn., and Karen and Kenneth Hitch of Ft. Meyers, Fla.; a brother and sister-in-law, Don A. and Sue Smith of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Robert Todd Gibson, Peter Joseph Cline, and Jennifer Leigh Cline.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. David Mathews officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be donated to the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Virgilia Schlotterer

GARRETT — Virgilia "Jill" Rose Schlotterer, 69, of Garrett died at 5:14 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She has worked at Renaissance in Auburn for 15 years, retiring on April 1, 1995.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

She graduated in 1959 from Avilla High School.

She was born on April 8, 1941, in Avilla to Fred and Mary E. (Biedrzycki) Schlotterer.

Surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Barbara and Robert Overy of Auburn and Susan and Daryl Severson of LaOtto; two nieces; two nephews; four great-nieces and six great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Thomas Schlotterer; and a sister, Dolores Kurtz.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett with Father Andrew Nazareth officiating. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery in Garrett.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56 Garrett.

Memorials are to Masses.

To send a condolence or to sign the online guestbook go to thomasfuneralhome.org

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Athna Gamble

KENDALLVILLE — Athna Gamble, 80, of Kendallville died Thursday, May 20, 2010, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mrs. Gamble was a homemaker. She had been employed at No-Sag for 20 years and retired from Taylor Made in 1999 after 19 years of service.

Mrs. Gamble

She attended the Brimfield Revival Center.

Mrs. Gamble was born in Patton Fork, Floyd County, Ky., on July 11, 1929, to Warnie and Cora (Patton) Stephens. She married Farris Gamble on April 12, 1948, in Paintsville, Ky., and he preceded her death Nov. 27, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter, Nadine Howard of Salt Lick, Ky.; four sons, Eddie Gamble of Kendallville, Junior and Mindy Gamble of Fort Wayne, Michael Gamble of Kendallville and Dill Gamble of Kendallville; 25 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; seven sisters, Bertha Vanderpool of Plymouth, Ohio, Susie Miller of Mishawaka, Melba Miller of Wolcottville, Herma Tuttle of Auburn, Harweda and Carl Clark of Hicksville, Ohio, Brenda and Beckam Davidson of Auburn and Carla and Rob Bleck of Coldwater, Mich.; and four brothers, Willie Stephens of Corunna, Clinton and Jeanne Stephens of Waterloo, Grover Stephens of Waterloo and Gary and Kerry Stephens of Quincy, Mich.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Woodie Gamble; three brothers, Clayton, Cletus and Henry; and two sisters, Edna and Collie.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Brimfield Revival Center in Brimfield with Pastor Brett Frick officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City. Casketbearers will be her sons and her grandsons, Bobby and Michael Gamble.

Visitation will be from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour before the funeral on Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Brimfield Revival Center.

View a video tribute by Sunday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

STAR
May 23 2010 Auburn, Indiana

His heart was in serving

BY JEFF JONES
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BUTLER — Former Mayor Guy Mausteller was devoted to public service and safety and doing what was best for people.

Mausteller died May 2 in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, after an extensive public service career. As a member of the U.S. Army, he was served at the Pentagon and in the Pacific Theater in World War II.

Born in Pennsylvania, after the war Mausteller served with volunteer fire departments in his home state and in St. Joe after moving to this area. He was a former member of the DeKalb-Steuben Firefighters Association and was honored by that organization as its "Firefighter of the Year" in 1977.

Mausteller was a member of the Butler Lions Club and Forest Lodge Masonic chapter in Butler. In 1980, he began the first of two years as Butler's mayor.

"His heart was in public service and public safety," explained Mausteller's son, Ron.

"His philosophy was, 'I'm here to serve, not to be served.' That's probably the easiest way for me to describe his lifestyle," Ron Mausteller added. "Being able to help others gave him the satisfaction. That's all that mattered."

"His heart was in public service and public safety," he said. "That started right after high school and college. He was a police officer, firefighter, Mason, Lion, VFW. Anything to help people out, he was quick to go do that. He made sure he did his part to serve."

Retired Butler police officer Jerry Ladd, who served as chief under Mausteller, recalled one of the mayor's public relations efforts with the police department.

"We would go out at noon and find someone with out-of-state plates," Ladd explained. "We would compliment them on their driving and ask them to lunch.

"I thought to myself, 'This will never work, people will be mad, they won't want to stop,'" Ladd recalled. "Without exception, they were extremely pleased and happy. I think only one business person, who had a meeting to go to, didn't accept."

During lunch, Mausteller would tell the visitors about Butler, its history and its people, while asking the visitors where they were from and where they were headed.

"We'd get thank-you cards," Ladd said. Years later, a younger couple visiting the community shared a story of how their parents were stopped for lunch in Butler, and how they wanted to visit Butler for themselves.

"All the mayors I had the opportunity to work with were exceptional, but Guy actually lived the job," Ladd said.

"Any time there was an emergency in Butler, he was there," Ladd continued. "He never tried to take over or anything, but the first things he would ask is, 'What can I do?' and 'What do you need?'"

Mausteller always made sure others got the spotlight, even if something was his idea.

"Guy was very happy to stay in the background," Ladd said. "He wanted other people to get the recognition. That's a trait you don't find very often in human beings."

David Kandel, who served with Mausteller as a Mason in Forest Lodge No. 239 of Butler, shared similar sentiments.

"I think what most impressed me about Guy was his gentle spirit. He led by example and didn't ask of others (something) he wasn't willing to do or hadn't done himself," Kandel said. "If a labor needed to be performed, often he would to attend to it anonymously out of the goodness of his heart. He didn't seek accolades; rather, his approach was to do the right thing."

"He would do something for us, but he wouldn't let us do anything for him," Ron Mausteller said. "If someone gave him something, he would give them something back in return. He was extremely organized - even the funeral — everything was written down and taken care of. Everything was to the letter.

"He didn't want anyone to suffer around him — he wanted to make sure everyone was taken care of."

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

The late Guy Mausteller, left, presents the "Firefighter of the Year" award to John Jackson of the Hamilton Fire Department in this undated photo. Mausteller, who died May 2, was active in the DeKalb-Steuben Firefighters Association.

Kenneth Boseker

WATERLOO — Kenneth A. "Ken" Boseker, 69, died Sunday, May 23, 2010, at his home in rural Waterloo.

Mr. Boseker

He was born March 7, 1941, in Fort Wayne to Arthur F. and Erna K. (Kruse) Boseker. They preceded him in death.

He served in the Army National Guard. He was a graduate of Concordia High School. He then went on to receive his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Valparaiso University.

He was the owner and operator of the Boseker CPA firm in Kendallville for 30 years before retiring in 2004. Prior to establishing his own business, he worked 12 years for different CPA firms around the area.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn. He was also a member of the Indiana CPA Society and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Mr. Boseker was a board member of the Cole Center Family YMCA in Kendallville. He was also an avid golfer.

He married Donna J Martin on Oct. 24, 1987, in Auburn. She survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Todd A. Boseker of North Vernon, and Chad R. and Stephanie Boseker of Jeffersonville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Deanna J. and Brent Hooley of Shipshewana, and Julie L. and Rob Sagerl of Greensboro, N.C.; three stepsons and spouses, David E. Martin of Wadsworth, Ohio, Daniel C. and Christine Martin of Fort Wayne, and Donovan P. and Camille Martin of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Larry A. and Jennifer Boseker and their son, Thomas, of Fort Wayne; a sister, Shelia A. Boseker of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday and from 10-11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Concordia High School Foundation or the First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

Louise Rich

FRANKLIN — Louise Doyle Rich, 90, of Franklin, passed away Sunday, May 23, 2010.

She was born February 7, 1920 in Van Wert County, Ohio to the late Charles D. Niles and Elnora R. (Kidner) DeRuyscher.

Louise was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Franklin. She is survived by her son, John (Ruth) Doyle of Evansville; daughter, Kathleen (Robert) McClain of Auburn; foster-daughter, Martha (Harold) Gall of South Whitley; stepson, David (Joan) Rich of Marion, Ohio; stepdaughter, Jana (Doug) Corbin of Fort Wayne; grandchildren, Jeff (Sandrine) Doyle, Tim (Stefani) Doyle, Erica McClain and David (Corrie) McClain; stepgrandchildren, Matt (Mandy) Rich, Joshua (Michelle) Rich, Kami (Scott) Schroeder, Kati (Kevin) France and Kelsey Corbin; foster-brother, Norman (Pam) Morford of Indianapolis; and brother-in-law, Tom Bastress of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Willard J. Doyle and Leroy E. Rich; and sisters, Betty Brown and Helen Bastress.

Services will be conducted at 1 p.m., Thursday, May 27, 2010, at the Franklin United Methodist Community. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until time of services. Entombment will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the F.U.M.C., 1070 W. Jefferson, Franklin, IN 46131, or to Asbury University, Development Office, 1 Macklen Drive, Wilmore, Kentucky 40390.

Arrangements are entrusted to Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory, Vandivier-Tudor Chapel, Franklin, IN. Online condolences may be sent through www.wilsonstpierre.com.

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Faye Creager

AUBURN — Faye C. (Franze) Creager, 79, of Auburn, died Monday May 24, 2010 at her home.

Mrs. Creager

Born March 27, 1931 in Kendallville, she was the daughter of the late William and Edith Franze.

She is survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Donna Franze of Auburn, and 29 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Delbert Creager, brothers, Herman, William, Devereaux, Richard and Everett Franze, and sisters, Marie Hosler, Edythe Nartker, Ruth Doub and Jeanette Cox.

A memorial service will take place Thursday at 4 p.m. with memorial calling two hours prior at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main Street Auburn.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association.

To sign the online guest book or to leave the family a condolence, visit pinnington-mccomb.com

Christine Swanson

AUBURN — Christine Ann Swanson, 62, of Auburn died Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at Indiana University Cancer Center in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Swanson worked as a social worker for Shelter Ministries in Auburn.

She attended the New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

Mrs. Swanson

She was born April 30, 1948, in Garrett. She married Gary Mark Swanson on March 16, 1973, in Fort Wayne. He passed away on July 31, 2008.

Surviving are her mother, Loretta Ann (Schmidt) Thomas of Auburn; five sons and daughters-in-law, Robert M. and Jennfier Swanson, Lebanon, Penn., Jeremy R. and Sarah Swanson, Germantown, Ohio, Travis J. and Nicole Swanson, Elkhart, Ashley P. and Stephanie Swanson, South Bend, and Sean M. Swanson, Auburn; six grandchildren, Emily, Abigail, Caden, Eva, Jada and Elijah; three brothers, Martin Thomas, Fort Wayne, Lester Thomas, Fort Wayne, and Wayne Thomas, Warsaw; and a sister, Lori Kline, New Haven.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 29, 2010 at New Hope Christian Center, 900 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be 4-8 p.m. Friday, May 28, 2010 at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to Shelter Ministries.

Ned Place

WAPAKONETA, Ohio — Ned W. Place, 94, of Wapakoneta, Ohio, died at 3:35 a.m. on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, Ohio.

He was born May 19, 1916 in Logan Township, Auglaize County, Ohio, the son of Stanley and Lela (Graessle) Place, who preceded him in death.

On Feb. 24, 1943 he married Barbara Durbin and she died April 24, 2000.

Surviving are five children, Sandra (Robert) Kattman of Whitefish Bay, Wis., Cynthia (Aaron) Hossler of Tiffin, Ohio, Milton (Lena) Place of Medina, Ohio, Stephanie Frederick of Columbus, Ohio, and Mary (Mark) Henry of Auburn; eight grandchildren, Gregory Hossler, Daniel (Angela) Kattman, Jason (Brandi) Kattman, Annaliesa Place, Anthony Place, Emily Frederick, Kyle Frederick and Tyler Henry; two great-grandchildren, Gwyneth and Eleanor Kattman; a brother, Stanley (Bernice) Place Jr., of Creswell, N.J.; and five sisters, Mary Kathryn (Dr. Robert) Baker of Wapakoneta, Betty (Dr. William) Pigozzi of Lima, Susan (James) Kinstle of Delphos, Ohio, Georgene Roth of Richmond, Va., and Karin (Tarlton) Whetstone of Wapakoneta.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Julia Mercer, and a brother, William Place.

A lifelong farmer, Mr. Place was a purebred shorthorn cattle breeder. He served as district director of U.S.D.A. Farmers Home Administration and also worked with the Shorthorn World Publishing Co. of Aurora, Ill.

Carolyn Balog

SOUTH BEND — Carolyn M. Mahnesmith Balog, O.D., 58, of South Bend passed away Wednesday afternoon, May 26, 2010, in her home.

She was born September 6, 1951, in South Bend, a daughter of Carmen D. & Violet Marian (Noe) Mahnesmith, and has remained a lifelong resident of this community.

Dr. Balog

Dr. Balog was a member of First Presbyterian Church of South Bend, American Association of University Women, Indiana Optometric Association, American Optometric Association, North Central Optometric Society, National Organization of Women, Marshall County Leadership Association, and Marshall County Red Cross.

Music also played an important role in Carolyn's life. She played the flute in high school, and was involved in the All State Band. She was a member of the IUSB Wind Ensemble during college, and did a tour with the University of Notre Dame Band in 1970. She was member and flutist with the South Bend Symphony Orchestra, Michiana Community Band and was instrumental in organizing the Bremen Community Band.

She graduated from Washington High School, South Bend, class of 1970, received her Bachelor's of Science in Education at Indiana University of South Bend, 1973, and her Doctor of Optometry from Indiana University, Bloomington, in 1981.

On June 6, 1970, at Stewart Memorial Baptist Church, South Bend, Carolyn was united in marriage to Daniel C. Balog, who is currently Director of Bands at Riley High School.

She has served as an optometrist at the Balog Bremen Vision Center since 1981. She was a caring, compassionate, and loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and friend. She also cared greatly for her many patients over the past twenty-nine years.

A 1935 graduate of Buckland High School, Ned was a 1942 graduate of Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture education. His memberships included the American Shorthorn Association, the Auglaize County Cattlemen's Association and the O.S.U. Alumni Association.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, May 29, at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 510, Wapakoneta. Burial will be in the Ft. Amanda Cemetery, where military rites will be conducted by the Spencerville V.F.W. and the American Legion.

The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. today and 1-2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, the Ohio Junior Shorthorn Association or the Buckland Community Center.

Condolences may be left at bayliffandeleyfh.com

Along with her loving husband Dan, she is survived by two daughters, Dr. Staci-Marie (David) Norman, and Dr. Natali Marian (Mark Wenkus) Balog, of South Bend; and three grandchildren, Riley David Norman, Calla-Marie Norman, and Amelia Marian Wenkus. Also surviving is her sister, Marilyn Mahnesmith (Dr. Thomas) Johnson of Auburn, and a brother, Dr. Randolph C. (Kathy Woodruff) Mahnesmith of Fisherville, Virg.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her mother, Violet Mahnesmith on Dec. 15, 2008, and her father, Carmen Mahnesmith on July 4, 2009.

Services celebrating the life of Dr. Carolyn Balog will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 30, at the Palmer Funeral Home-Guisinger Chapel, 3718 South Michigan Street, South Bend. The Rev. Don Neely will officiate. Graveside services and burial will follow at Sweet Cemetery, Albion, at 3 p.m. Sunday. She will be laid to rest beside her parents.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, and one hour prior to services Sunday at the Palmer Funeral Home-Guisinger Chapel.

Expressions of sympathy on behalf of Dr. Balog may be offered to the Chibanzi Nursery School, c/o First Presbyterian Church, 333 West Colfax Street, South Bend, IN 46601, or to The Center for Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637.

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Beulta Anderson

GARRETT —Buelta A. "Fensie" Anderson, 85 of Garrett died at 1:24 a.m. Friday, May 28, 2010. She was born Oct. 10, 1924, in Garrett to Arna and Candace (Cosper) Fenstermaker and they preceded her in death. She married Paul C. Anderson on October 6, 1946, in Garrett and he died October 6, 1971.

She was a WW II Navy veteran.

Buelta was a packer at Stanadyne Distribution Div. — Garrett for 22 years, retiring in 1988. She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Garrett American Legion. She was also a member of Sigma Phi Gamma and a past member of the Order Of the Eastern Star.

Buelta is survived by her daughter and son in-law, Tamara J. and Terry Bowman of Garrett; and a son and daughter in-law, James "Mike" and Linda Anderson of Garrett. She is survived by seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Buelta was preceded in death by her husband, Paul C. Anderson; twin sons, Mark and Martin Anderson; and a sister, Dorothy Walker.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett and from 9-10 a.m. Wednesday, June 2, 2010, at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett. The services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 2, 2010, at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with military graveside services by the U.S. Navy and the Garrett American Legion and VFW.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home , Fort Wayne.

You may send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Marian Oberlin-Richardson

AUBURN — Marian G. Oberlin-Richardson, 87, died Monday, May 31, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Richardson

Mrs. Richardson was a homemaker.

She was an active member of the New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo. She was a past member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She also was a volunteer for the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Guild and enjoyed working at the Curiosity Shop where she volunteered over 1,000 hours of her time.

She was born March 17, 1923, in New Haven to Rudolph and Vera (Slentz) Haynes.

She married Wendell F. Richardson on Dec. 29, 1978, in Fort Wayne. He died Jan. 1, 1991.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, King and Lori Oberlin of Angola; three daughters and sons-in-law, Darley Bennett of Butler, Diana and Rick Waters of Fort Wayne, and Debra and Juan Hernandez of Butler; her first husband, Duane Oberlin; 16 grandchildren; one stepgrandson; 11 great-grandchildren; and her twin sister and brother-in-law, Madge and Martin "Lewis" Ault of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Marilyn Haynes; a grandson, Mark Bennett; two twin grandchildren, Mallory Johnson and Maxwell Johnson; and a son-in-law, Daniel Bennett.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Columbia Cemetery, Columbia, Ohio.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the funeral service on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the New Hope Christian Center.

Bettie Hilgeman

FORT WAYNE — Bettie J. Hilgeman, 84, of Coldwater, Mich., and formerly of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Concordia Lutheran Church, 4245 Lake Ave. in Fort Wayne.

Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to International Strategic Cancer Alliance, 873 E. Baltimore Pike 333, Kennett Square, PA 19348 or Cleveland Clinic Cancer Research, 9500 Euclid Ave. D20, Cleveland, Ohio 44195.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, Ind., is in charge of arrangements.

STAR
June 3 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Francis Rodebaugh

AUBURN — Francis L. Rodebaugh, 86 of Auburn died Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He was born in Fort Wayne on March 25, 1924, to the late Roy and Clara (Rastenburg) Rodebaugh.

He was an interior designer for 54 years for several interior design companies before retiring in 1978.

He was a U.S. Army WWII veteran.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, David and Linda Rodebaugh of Auburn; two grandchildren, Lisa (Brad) Schilling of Auburn and Lori Rodebaugh of Auburn; and four great-grandchildren, Emily Schilling, Logan Schilling, Parker Schilling and Gracie Kline; two nieces, Penny Wiedenhoeft and her family of Auburn and Pam Long and her family of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Robert Rodebaugh.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 5, 2010, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

American Legion Post 97 will conduct military honors.

Memorials can be directed to the DeKalb County Heart Association, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, IN 46793.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn are handling arrangements.

Kathryn Tomlinson

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Kathryn E. Tomlinson, 95, of Hicksville died Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at Hickory Creek of Hicksville.

Mrs. Tomlinson was a homemaker.

She was a member of the First Church of Christ, Hicksville, Ohio, a more than 65-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star of Bryan, Ohio, and the American Legion Auxiliary. She was also a member of the Wednesday and Friday afternoon Bridge Club and a former member of the Town & Country Garden Club.

She was born on Dec. 19, 1914 in Butler, Ind., to James Ernest and Clarissa (Poper) Olds. She married Ronald (Ronnie) Tomlinson on Nov. 17, 1932, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 23, 1994.

Surviving are three daughters, Janice (Berlin) Kline of Hicksville, Ronna Arellanes of Chippenham, England, and Jo Ella (Ron) Hart of Grass Valley, Calif.; two sons-in-law, Steve Arellanes of Hicksville and Stanley Sollid, Santa Rosa, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Helen Wilson of Butler, Ind., and Donna Steffe, El Cajon, Calif.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter Deanna Sollid; and her siblings, Victor Olds, Gertrude Olds and Fay Olds Duesler.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with the Rev. Ken Wellman officiating.

Visitation will be Monday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home with an Eastern Star service at 7 p.m. Additional calling will be one hour prior to service on Tuesday.

Burial will be at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials are to the Crippled Children & Adults Society, First Church of Christ or Huber Opera House.

Online condolence may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com

Stephen Eberly

ANGOLA — Stephen R. Eberly, 60, of Angola died Thursday, June 3, 2010, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

He was born on November 14, 1949, in Waterloo, Indiana, to the late Ward and Betty (Durst) Eberly.

Stephen was the manager for the Sutton's Supermarket in Angola for 16 years. The last couple of years he was working for the Steuben County Corrections Department.

Stephen enjoyed gardening, doing home improvements, lawn work and spending time outside with is dog, Tia.

Survivors include two daughters and son-in-laws, Kelly and Adam Tussing of Van Wert, Ohio, and Erin and Jacob Flynn of Carmel, Ind.; two brothers, Mike Eberly of Auburn and Larry Eberly of Tennessee; and two grandchildren, Justice and Payton Tussing of Van Wert, Ohio.

Memorials may be made to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home at 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

There will be no calling or services.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola is handling the arrangements.

To sign the quest book for Mr. Eberly go to www.hejohnsonfh.com

STAR
June 4 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Galen Swogger

AVILLA — Galen Eugene Swogger, age 84, currently of Avilla formerly of rural Kendallville, passed away on Wednesday evening, June 2, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Swogger

Mr. Swogger was born in Wayne Township of Noble County, Indiana, on August 14, 1925, to Murton Warren and Bessie Mae (Hovarter) Swogger. His parents died at an early age and Galen was raised by his brother and sister-in-law, Clair and Iva.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1943.

Galen married Alice Elaine Berry on January 19, 1947, at the Wayne Center United Methodist Church in Kendallville.

Galen's family was of upmost importance to him. He took great pride in the next generation of Swogger great-grandchildren.

He was involved in agriculture and dairy farming all his life. Galen had the top Registered Holstein herd in Dekalb County for many years. He also worked in Indianapolis for the United States Department of Agriculture in the Federal Crop Insurance Department from 1980-1990.

Galen was a pillar of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla. He was a longtime and dedicated member there and he was an active lay leader and held many offices within the church. He was the chairman of the Pastor Parrish Committee, served on the Building Committee, taught Sunday school class for many years, and was the delegate at the annual United Methodist Church Conference.

He was a member of the Mid-America Windmill Museum and served as a director for eight years.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge 460 of Avilla, the 32nd degree Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne and the Noble Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter 122. He also was a member of the Avilla Lions Club.

Galen and Alice loved to travel together and had been all over the world.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Alice Swogger of Avilla; three sons, Todd and Chris Swogger of Omaha, Nebraska,

Scott and Jane Swogger of Kendallville and Lee and Gwendolyn Swogger of Kendallville; seven grandchildren, Matt and Lisa Swogger of Rome City, Andy and Holly Swogger of Kendallville, Rob and Stacy Swogger of Ohmaha, Martin Swogger and Jessica of Kendallville, Katrina and Travis Weaver of Huntington, Patrick Swogger and Shauna of Kendallville and Anna Swogger and Greg of Kendallville; eight great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews that also survive.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Clair Swogger and Leon Swogger, and two sisters,

Joyce Weber and Mary D. Weihmiller.

Visitation will be Saturday, June 5, 2010, from 3-8 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church on at the corner of Albion and Cherry streets in Avilla with Masonic Lodge services at 7:45 p.m.

There will also be visitation an hour before the funeral service on Sunday.

Funeral services will be Sunday, June 6, 2010, at 1 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church. Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Dr. Leonard King.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville following the funeral.

To continue the celebration of the life of Galen Swogger, there will be a funeral dinner served at the church following services. All family and friends are invited to attend.

Casketbearers will be Matt, Andy, Martin, Patrick, Rob and Ken Swogger, and John Weihmiller.

Honorary bearers will be Eugene Weber, Carl Weber, Dale Weber and Ron Swogger.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Calvary United Methodist Church.

Entrusted service to the Swogger family is by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

View a video tribute by Saturday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com or visit Hite Funeral Home on FaceBook.com

Glenn Neukom

GARRETT — Glenn W. Neukom, age 86, of Garrett died on Friday, June 4, 2010, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Neukom

He was born January 7, 1924, in Adams County, Ind., to Christian and Rosinna (Witwer) Neukom. They preceded him in death.

He married Marcia M. Schnepp on January 25, 1947, in Decatur and she died February 13, 2007.

Glenn worked at Art Iron Inc. in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1986. He was a U.S. Army veteran having served during World War II.

He was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church.

He is survived by a son, Wayne Neukom of Fort Wayne; sister, Mildred Wentland of Garrett; his grandchildren, LeighAnn Watkins, Christina Evans, Daniel Murley, Joseph Neukom, Samuel Neukom and Matthew Neukom; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Mari Lynn Shulze; two brothers, Reno and Paul Neukom; and his sisters, Edna Peterson, Irene Curdes, Evelyn Ehinger, Marcella Frieburger, Florine Ehley and Edith Fister.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett. Dr. Scott Shoaff will officiate.

Following the service, a gathering for family and friends will be held at the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Lisa Emerson

FORT WAYNE — Lisa M. (Heintzelman) Emerson, 48, died Thursday, June 3, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

She was born Sept. 12, 1961, the daughter of Bill and Rose (Burlage) Heintzelman.

She is survived by a son, Adam Grueb of Fort Wayne; her parents; a sister, Angie (Trent) Mosier of Leo, Ind.; and a half sister, Debbie Marker of Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents and a brother Chris.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Sunday at Central Church, S.R. 37, Fort Wayne, with a service of remembrance at 6:30 p.m..

Burial will be at Scipio Cemetery, Harlan, Ind.

Memorials may be made to IU Medcenter.

Smith & Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville, Ohio, is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com

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Joe Clark

BRADINGTON, Fla. — Joe Clark, 67, of Bradington and a former longtime resident of Avilla and Fort Wayne died Thursday, June 3, 2010, in Bradington.

Mr. Clark had moved to Bradington two years ago following his retirement.

He enjoyed spending time at his summer home on Turkey Lake and fishing. He also loved spending time with his grandchildren.

He was born Dec. 1, 1942, in Logansport to Donald and Dorothy Clark. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his children, Troy and Ericka Clark of Albion, Diane Clark of Corunna, Paula and Bruce Jordan of Auburn, Karen and Michael Falkenstein of Sturgis, Mich., Randy Clark of Fort Wayne, Todd and Diane Coleman of Kendallville and Candy Knox of Kendallville; his grandchildren, Kristy Clark, Dustin Clark, Shaylynn, Kavin, Nathan Bottjer, Shawn Williams, Michael Williams, Whitney, Trevor, Mitchell, Andrew, Tayla, Tyler, Anthony, Ashley, Madie, Lily, Carrington and Tiffany; and a sister, Leann Williams of Logansport.

Cremation has taken place.

Memorial services will be at a later date.

William Jordan

GARRETT — William A. Jordan, 58, died Monday June 7, 2010, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne due to complications from pneumonia.

Mr. Jordan

He was born in Garrett on March 12, 1952, to Donald G. and Roberta A. (Dawson) Jordan. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Garrett. He married Terry Hobbs on Aug, 5, 1972, in the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren and she survives in Garrett.

He was career military man, serving 20 years in the U.S. Army before retiring in 1993. After retiring from the Army, he worked in the health care field and he was in the process of getting a nursing degree before he became ill.

Mr. Jordan was a member of Souls Harbor Assembly of God Church in Auburn, the Garrett American Legion Post and the Disabled American Veterans.

He was a former Director of DeKalb County Chorus, Former member of the Men's Quartet of Fort Wayne and the 33rd Army Choir of Europe.

Also surviving are daughters, Jenniffer Jordan of Fort Wayne, Jessica Jordan of Garrett and Jacqueline Jordan of Garrett; and two sisters and three brothers, Cindy (John) Tarlton of Hudson, Ed (Pam) Jordan of New Haven, Ray (Leona) Kratzman of Auburn, Steve (June) Jordan of Garrett, Joe (Teresa) Kratzman of Scottsburg and Penny Houser of Butler.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Soul's Harbor Assembly of God Church in Auburn with the Rev. David Snodderly officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and also one hour prior to the service Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Soul's Harbor Assembly of God Church.

Carlos Stultz

BUCKEYE, Ariz. — Carlos Ray Stultz, 80, of Buckeye, Arizona, and formerly of Hamilton, Indiana, died Saturday, June 5, 2010, at Serenity Hospice and Palliative Care in Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. Stultz worked as a machine operator for Simpson Industries in Edon, Ohio, for over 40 years, retiring in 1993.

He was a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ.

He was a veteran of the United States Army.

He was born September 4, 1929, in Defiance, Ohio, to Cecil J. and Harriet (Miller) Stultz.

He married Carol Lou Aldrich on August 11, 1951. She passed away in 2004.

Surviving are a daughter, Charlene Miron of Buckeye, Arizona; two sons, Kevin Stultz of Bakerfield, California, and Dennis Stultz of Phoenix, Arizona; two grandchildren, Laureen White of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Jarrett Hulbert of Pleasant Lake, Indiana; and two brothers, James Stultz and Roger Stultz.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; and a brother, Ronald Stultz.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Jeff Alexander officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 Friday, June 11, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Serenity Hospice and Palliative Care, 7227 North 16th St., Phoenix, AZ 85020-5293

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Debra Duke

SHERWOOD, Ohio — Debra Joyce Duke, age 57, of Sherwood, passed away peacefully at 8:48 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers, Bryan.

Mrs. Duke

Deb was born April 29, 1953, in Superior, Wisconsin, the daughter of the late Henry and Ruth (Avery) Beeman. She married Larry F. Duke Sr., on May 1, 1971, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and he survives.

Deb loved to crochet and was a computer geek. Her vice in life was to play bingo.

She would assist anyone who would need help and was a great mom and grandma to many.

Surviving are her husband, Larry of Sherwood; one son, Larry (Brandi) Duke Jr., of Waterloo, Indiana; two daughters, Kelly (Tim) Grandey of Hicksville and Shelly Eriksen of Waterloo, Indiana; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; her mother-in-law, Mary Duke of Sherwood; four brothers, Henry Beeman of Bryan, Bradley (Anna) Beeman of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, Robert Belford of Superior, Wisconsin, and Claude Thompson of Seattle, Washington; four sisters, Alvina Webster of Bryan, Brenda Belford of Bryan, Roberta McDaniel of Bryan and Kathy Ottinger of Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

She was preceded in death by her son, Benjiman Duke; a brother, Kenneth Thompson; and two sisters, Marlene Beeman and Michelle Webster.

Visitation for Debra Joyce Duke will be held today, Thursday, June 10, 2010, from 4-8 p.m. in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home 230 E. Elm St., Sherwood.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, June 11, 2010, in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, Sherwood, with Pastor Kevin Doseck officiating. Interment will follow in Sherwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in the name of Debra Joyce Duke may be given to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com

Margaret Mumma

SPENCERVILLE — Margaret Ann Mumma, 85, died Thursday, June 10, 2010, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home in Angola.

Mrs. Mumma was a homemaker.

She was a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Columbia City Eagles.

She was born on Dec. 10, 1924, in Bellefontaine, Ohio, to Benjamin Franklin and Jennie Florence (Mahan) Dear. She married Richard Mumma on April 18, 1947, in Ft. Wayne. He died April 9, 1997.

Surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Diana and Mike Speidel of Grand Junction, Colo., Kathe and Duane Baker of Springfield, Ohio, Vicki and Robert Forrest of Waterloo, Barbara and Ronald Fuleki of Warsaw, and Beth and Chris Christy of Raymond, N.H.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard and Donna Mumma of Hollywood, Fla., and David Mumma of Auburn; one brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Betty Dear of Columbia City; a sister-in-law, Lucille Ross of Angola; 18 grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; five sisters; and one brother.

Services will be 10 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Mark Scouten

ST. JOE — Mark A. Scouten, 45, of St. Joe passed away at 4:37 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a foreman at Vulcraft and was a professional body builder.

In 1982, he graduated from Antwerp High School.

Mark enjoyed canoeing and basketball.

He was born in Paulding, Ohio, on Aug. 12, 1964, to Linda (Powell) West and Gerald Scouten.

He will be sadly missed by his son, Adam of St. Joe; his stepson, Jason (Lindsay) Wilson of Concord, N.C.; his mother, Linda West of Antwerp; his father and stepmother, Jerry and Lana Scouten, of Antwerp; his sister, Heather VanWagner of Fort Wayne; and his brothers, John of Berne and David of Fort Wayne.

His funeral service is at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, Ohio, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 12, with viewing one hour prior. Rev. Merle Holden will officiate.

Viewing is also be today, Friday, from 2-8 pm.

He will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Evelyn Harlan

AVILLA — Evelyn M. Harlan, 88, of Avilla passed away Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. She was born Oct. 21, 1921, in Noble County to Walter and Flossie Albertson.

She worked as a registered nurse in Kendallville for Dr. Carpenter and Dr. Patel.

She was also a member of the hospital board at McCray Memorial Hospital. She served as Director of Nurses at the former Garrett Hospital.

She is survived by two sons, Max Harlan and Thomas (Vonda) Harlan both of Avilla; four grandchildren, Christian (Michelle) Harlan, Chad (Jaque) Harlan of Avilla, Chayne Harlan of Avilla and Cory Harlan of Fort Knox, Ky.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 12, at 11 a.m., with calling one hour prior to the service, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Officiating will be Rev. Ken Robinson and David Baird.

Calling will be today, Friday, June 11, from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home. An Eastern Star service will be held at 7 p.m.

Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion. Preferred memorials are to Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Avilla.

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Roger Kain

AUBURN — Roger L. Kain, 84, of Auburn died Thursday, June 10, 2010, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mr. Kain

Mr. Kain was a salesman for R.P. Wakefield Co. in Waterloo, retiring in 2005.

He was a veteran of the United States Navy serving in the South Pacific during World War II.

He served four years on the DeKalb County Council and was a DeKalb Circuit Court bailiff for four years.

He was a member of the St. Marks Lutheran Church in Auburn. He was a member of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn and was a charter member of the Auburn Elks.

He was born Oct. 1, 1925, in Auburn to Calvin C. and Mabel (Guthrie) Kain. He married Mary Lu Widney on Feb. 3, 1951, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Robert Kuntz of Auburn, Susan and Thomas Guyre of Crown Point and Mary Ann and Steven Hathaway of Garrett; one son, Thomas Kain of Waterloo; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Patricia McDarby.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Marks Lutheran Church, 211 West Ninth St., Auburn, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating.

A private family committal service will be held at Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Marks Lutheran Church.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

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Clabaugh led way as woman mayor

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"Garrett elects first woman mayor," read the boldface headline in the Nov. 10, 1983, issue of The Garrett Clipper.

Marcella Zerns Clabaugh had achieved a goal that only four or five pioneering females in the state had attained — the office of city mayor.

Mrs. Clabaugh died May 11, 2010, at the age of 87.

Her rise to the top city post came after years in city government. She served the city for 37 years, first as assistant to Mayor Fred L. Feick for 13 years.

Mrs. Clabaugh

In 1964, then-Mayor C.E. Miller appointed her to take over the post of clerk-treasurer following the resignation of Bertha Beeber. She was re-elected to that office for four terms, until 1983, when she ran as the Democratic nominee for mayor against GOP incumbent Phil Vanderbosch. Her candidacy drew supporters on both sides of the political aisle, according to current Garrett Clerk-treasurer Jennie DePaolo, who succeeded Clabaugh in that office.

"(Marcella) was so highly regarded. Garrett resident Mary Mountz held a tea in her home in honor of Marcella's candidacy for mayor," DePaolo recalled. Several supporters attended the function.

Clabaugh was elected mayor in the fall of 1983, making her the first female mayor in DeKalb County, as well.

Her decision to run followed the untimely deaths of her first husband, Maxwell Zerns, and only child, son Joel, both in 1979 of apparent heart attacks.

Clabaugh and DePaolo were involved with the Indiana League of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers. Both served as presidents during their careers. Johnnie Riley, a former supervisor with the Indiana State Board of Accounts, told conference members how he was amazed that Clabaugh was able to come before the body at a difficult personal time in her life to conduct her duties as state president that year.

DePaolo recalls Clabaugh's sense of humor and how she enjoyed having a good time. At a state league convention, Clabaugh was reported to have "cut a mean jitterbug" on the dance floor by a city clerk in attendance from Highland.

Ann Garoffolo-Goar, formerly of Lebanon and now of Frankfort, was also a long-term clerk-treasurer who was elected as her city's mayor in 1983. She recalled Clabaugh as "a lovely person who brought out the best in all of us."

DePaolo considers herself lucky to have followed Clabaugh in the clerk-treasurer's office.

"She seemed so poised and respected in the community, and an established part of City Hall. She was even my husband's Cub Scout leader," DePaolo said.

Mayor Herb Kleeman, who served three terms beginning in 1991, recalls Clabaugh as a "wonderful woman for Garrett. All her life was devoted to the city."

Kleeman said she would visit his office regularly.

"She was always willing to talk, very pleasant. But she never tried to steer or direct," he said.

DePaolo agreed.

"I do not recall her, even once, trying to suggest I carry out a procedure or function 'her way' from her experience. There was no reason to worry about intimidation," DePaolo said.

Mrs. Clabaugh served only one term. At the time, she said it was "not an easy decision" to not seek a second term.

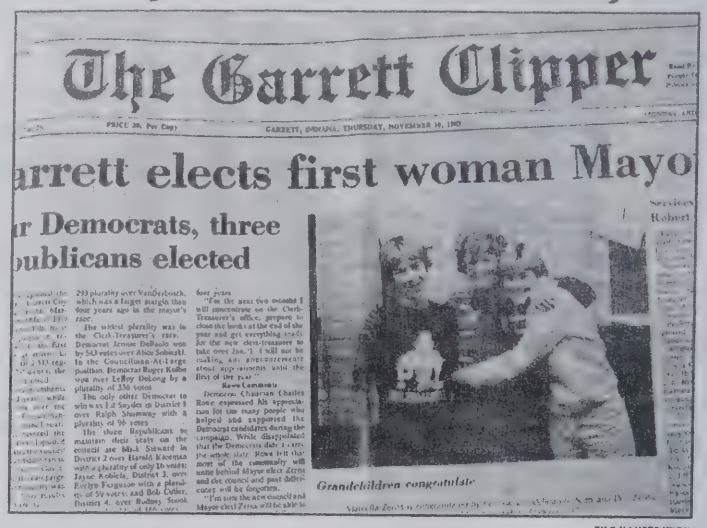
She remarked that after giving 37 years to the city, she wanted to relax and enjoy life in her hometown. During her term as mayor, she married Don Clabaugh. Clabaugh was devoted to her family, especially her grandchildren, Scott and Debbie. She also was an active member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett, where she was a member of the choir.

Upon leaving the office of mayor, Clabaugh listed several highlights from her tenure, including growth of the city through annexation by adding 160 acres for a new industrial park and mobile home park.

Two $400,000 grants to the city improved drainage, resurfaced the South Road and helped rebuild the old utility department substation — projects that were completed without burdening the taxpayers with a bond issue. She reported that good management of city funds left the city in good financial shape for her successor.

DeKalb County Democrats honored her as the first female mayor in the county at a meeting in 1984

"She was always pleased with where she had been and what she accomplished," Kleeman said.



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A newspaper headline from 1983 proclaims the election of Garrett's first female mayor.

Arthur Teegardin

SHERWOOD, Ohio — Arthur Y. "Art" Teegardin, 69 years, of Sherwood died at 4:50 a.m. Saturday, June 12, 2010, in his residence with his family at his side while under the care of Community Health Professionals Hospice.

Mr. Teegardin

Art was born December 1, 1940, in Steuben County, Indiana, the son of Derryll R. and Mildred R. (Piper) Teegardin.

Art served his country in the United States Army.

He married Ruth A. Eck on October 6, 1961 in Bryson City, North Carolina, and that marriage ended in divorce after 17 years. He then married Lois F. Burkhart on October 3, 2003, and she survives.

Art had been a truck driver for Farmers Ag Service in Butler, Indiana. He then moved to Ohio and worked for the village of Sherwood, retiring in 2003. He was also the owner of Art Enterprises and Auto Care.

Art was a member of the Butler American Legion Post 202, the Butler Eagles Aerie 2733 and the Bryan Eagles Aerie 2233 and a social member of the Sherwood VFW Post 5665.

Surviving is his wife, Lois of Sherwood; his children, Laurie Coburn of Butler, Indiana, Loretta (Mark) Mock of Ney, Ohio, Jim J. Teegardin of Ney, Ohio, Clayton A. (Michelle) Williams of Defiance and Denny L. Repp of Findlay, Ohio; 18 grandchildren; ;seven great-grandchildren; the mother of his children, Ruth A. Teegardin; one brother, William L. (Cathy) Teegardin of South Carolina; three sisters, Mary Hartman of Coldwater, Michigan, Betty Hoover of Bryan and Edith Webster of Edgerton, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son, Russell A. Teegardin, brother, Derryll A. "Archie" Teegardin and two sisters, Marjorie Teegardin and Helen Marie Phillips.

Visitation for Art Teegardin will be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, 230 E. Elm St., Sherwood, where funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, 2010, where military rites will be conducted by the Sherwood VFW Post 5665.

Memorials contributions in the name of Art Teegardin may be given to the family to assist with medical costs or given to Community Health Professionals Hospice 6825 S.R. 66 North, Defiance, Ohio 43512.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com

Veronica Schlosser

AVILLA — Veronica C. Schlosser, 96, formerly of Waterloo died Monday June 14, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Schlosser was a homemaker.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn, Legion of Mary of the church and the DeKalb Quilt Guild.

She was born May 15, 1914, in Smithfield Township in DeKalb County to John and Mary (Dapp) May. She married Edward Schlosser on Jan. 2, 1937, in St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo. He died March 15, 1989.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, William and Sandra Schlosser of Auburn, two daughters and a son-in-law, Charlotte Miller of Pleasant Lake and Mary Jo and Russell Burden of Auburn; 14 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Edward May of Auburn and Otto May of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son and daughter in law, DeWayne and Norma Schlosser; a grandson, Kyle Schlosser, two brothers, Albert Schlosser and Norbert May; and two sisters, Agnes Hollis and Esther Koehlinger.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. Father Derrick Sneyd will officiate. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and also one hour prior to the service Friday at the church. A rosary will be recited 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Masses to the church or to St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett.

Rose Deventer

BUTLER — Rose Marie (Marna) Deventer, 77 of Butler died Monday June 14, 2010, at her home surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Deventer

She was born in Auburn on February 2, 1933, to Lemon and Mary (Sponhower) McNutt.

Rose was a homemaker.

She married Cleland Lee Deventer on December 17, 1949, in Hillsdale, Mich., and he died August 26, 1997.

She is survived by four daughters and sons-in-law, Michelle Hockaday and her friend Don Moehlenkamp of Fort Wayne, Melanie and Keith Cook of Butler, Sandy and Gene Emenhiser of St. Joe, and Kelly and Rogor Poll of Dorr, Mich.; a son, Ronald Deventer of Marion, N.C.; eight grandchildren, Melissa (Jeff) Bunting, M. Kevin (Mindy) Hockaday, Chad Cook, Janae (Josh) Webb, Robert (Lissa) Emenhiser, Ryan Emenhiser, Marie Poll, Adam (Courtney) Poll; 13 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Bill McNutt of Garrett and Carl McNutt of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Vada Starr of Plymouth, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a grandson, Matthew Hockaday; and a brother, George McNutt.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 18, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo with Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton, Ind.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home and also one hour prior to the service Friday. Memorials can be directed to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or Christ's Church, Butler, Ind.

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Robert Leis

FORT WAYNE — Robert D. Leis, 86, died Wednesday, June 16, 2010, at University Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Leis was an engineer with International Harvester for 36 years, retiring in 1981.

He was a 1942 graduate of Huntertown High School and obtained an associate degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University in 1961.

Mr. Leis was a native of Fort Wayne.

He was a member of Till Road Christian Church.

Surviving are his wife, Rosemary Leis of Fort Wayne; three sons, Gary (Annette) Leis of LaOtto, Roger (Rita) Leis of Butler, and Terry (Linda) Leis of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Cheryl (Rod) Cone of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a brother-in-law, Robert (Rhonda) McMonigal of Michigan City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Peter T. and Lillie Leis; and a brother, Albert Leis.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with Richard D. Foust officiating. Entombment will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. prior to the service.

Memorials are to the Heartland Hospice.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com

Wilma Simon

AUBURN — Wilma P. Simon of Auburn died June 16, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Simon

She was born in Charleston, West Virginia, to the late James and Irene (Pedigo) Rankin.

Mrs. Simon was a homemaker and was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

She was a graduate of the Detroit Conservatory of Music and she traveled and sang with a number of Big Band groups in large venues including the Green Briar Resort in West Virginia.

She married Robert Simon in Detroit, Mich., and they celebrated 62 years of marriage in April.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Stan Elser of Indianapolis, and their children, Simon Elser, Sarah Elser and Macey Elser; and a son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Sharon Simon of Salinas, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Bobbie Waters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. Father Derrick Sneyd will officiate.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and also one hour prior to the service at the church Tuesday.

Memorials can be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Charlene Griffin

WATERLOO — Charlene L. Griffin, 79, of Waterloo died Thursday, June 17, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Charlene was born in Fort Wayne on December 15, 1930, to the late Charles and Loretta (Noll) VonBehren.

She worked for Perfection Bakery in Fort Wayne and then for 10 years at Kraft Foods in Kendallville. For several years she was the playground attendant at the Waterloo Elementary School and she also worked at the snack bar in the DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was a longtime member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

The things she loved to do and was very good at it were talking on the phone and going to garage sales.

She married Harold "Cork" Griffin on January 24, 1953, at Precious Blood Church in Fort Wayne and he survives in Waterloo. She is also survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and John Kuhlman of Waterloo; three grandchildren, April (Adam) Rosswurm of Auburn, Matt (Cassie) Peckhart of Butler and Jennie Rosswurm of Auburn; five great-grandchildren, Carissa, Emma, Mackenzie, Dylan and Dawson; and two sisters, Ruth VonBehren of Fort Wayne and Lorraine Papp of Payne, Ohio.

She was preceded in death her parents and a daughter, Karen Waldren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 20, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is Saturday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, Waterloo.

Colin Conkle

AUBURN — Colin L. Conkle, 48, of Auburn died Thursday, June 17, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Conkle

Mr. Conkle had many jobs including working in the restaurant, factory, and railroad industries. He also worked in the land development business in St. Cloud, Fla., in 2003.

He was a 1979 DeKalb High School graduate.

He has also been a dialysis patient for the past six years.

He was born Sept. 29, 1961, in Garrett to Herschel and Donzella (Smith) Conkle.

Surviving are his wife of 24 years, Jean Conkle of Auburn; a son, Jeremy Conkle of Auburn; a granddaughter, Angel Fayth Conkle of Auburn; his father, Herschel Conkle of Auburn; a sister, Connie Croy of Auburn; and a brother, Rick Hunter of Waterloo.

He was preceded in death by his mother; one brother; and an infant sister.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the National Kidney Foundation or American Cancer Society.

Irene Rynearson

AUBURN — Irene M. Rynearson, 96, of Auburn died Thursday, June 17, 2010, at her home.

Mrs. Rynearson was a homemaker.

She was born Sept. 9, 1913, in DeKalb County to Newton and Myrtle (Reeder) Wallace. She married Ronald A. Rynearson on March 4, 1933, in Waterloo. He died on July 3, 1988.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Melvin Rynearson of Decatur, Ind., and Steven and Burtie Rynearson of Corunna; two daughters and a son-in-law, Janet McNutt of Elkhart, and Ann and Jim Fry of Auburn; 15 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sons, Tom Rynearson and Paul Rynearson; three sisters; three brothers; and a son-in-law, Donald McNutt.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service on Monday at the funeral home.

Georgia Moody

LAFAYETTE — Georgia G. (Goetschius) Moody, 84, died at Clarian Arnett Hospital in Lafayette on Wednesday, June 16, 2010.

Mrs. Moody

Born Aug. 1, 1925, in Auburn, Ind., to Frank D. and Mabel G. (Harvey) Goetschius, she lived in Garrett most of her life.

She worked 24 years at Electric Motors and Specialties in Garrett, and retired after 14 years from Messenger Corp. in Auburn. She was a member of Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren in Garrett, and attended Cornerstone Baptist Church in Lafayette.

She received her 50-year pin from Eastern Star, and was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary, and American Legion Auxiliary.

She enjoyed sewing, crocheting and ceramics.

She is survived by three sons, John Patrick (Joanie) Moody of Fort Wayne, George Timothy (Cindy) Moody of Bloomfield, and Frank Daniel (Millie) Moody of Garrett; three grandchildren, Jeanna (Moody) Chase of Lafayette, Eric Moody of Bloomfield, and Phillip Moody of Orlando; and eight great-grandchildren, Jacob, Jonathan, Josslyn and Joseph Chase of Lafayette, and Katlyn, Kylee, Kelsey and Kinley Moody of Bloomfield.

Besides both parents, she was preceded in death by son, James Michael Moody of Bloomington, and sisters, Madonna Joan Lauth of Detroit, Mich., and Marion Jean Gibson of Lewisville, Texas.

The funeral service will be Monday, June 21, at 2 p.m., with calling two hours prior, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home; 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Pastor Mike Vauters of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Lafayette will officiate.

Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Preferred memorials are to The Gideons International.

Duaine Karnes

AUBURN — Duaine H. Karnes, 92, of Auburn died Thursday, June 17, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Karnes

Mr. Karnes was a quality control manager for the Dana Corp. for more than 30 years, retiring in 1979.

He was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ. He was a past member of the Edgerton Masonic Lodge.

He was born Jan. 27, 1918, in Defiance County, Ohio, to Arthur E. and Frieda E. (Ebinger) Karnes. He married Sarah "Roceal" Gurtner on Feb. 11, 1940, in Angola. She died Nov. 2, 1956. He then married DeVella M. (Sleek) Dewitt on July 11, 1958, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Judy E. and Don Frank of Stryker, Ohio, Karen R. and Phil Landel of Auburn, Cheryl S. and David Peck of Farmington, Ark., Christine A. and Jerry Wilhelm of Waterloo, and Freida L. and Randy Michael of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Duaine H. Karnes II and Karen Karnes of Hamilton, and Douglas E. and Rita Karnes of Knoxville, Tenn.; a brother and sister-in-law, Arthur E. "Junior" and Alice Karnes of Edgerton, Ohio; 21 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife; and a son-in-law, John N. Grimm.

Gina Blackstone

BRENTWOOD, Calif. — Gina Marie (Harrold) Blackstone, 47, of Brentwood and formerly of Waterloo, died Tuesday, June 15, 2010, from complications due to a motorcycle accident in Brentwood.

There will be a service held in San Jose, Calif., on Monday.

There will also be a memorial service held in Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo at a later date.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Auburn Church of Christ, 208 W. Eighteenth St., Auburn, with Douglas E. Karnes officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne Street, Waterloo, and also one hour prior to the service at the church Tuesday.

Memorials may be directed to the Auburn Church of Christ or the Alzheimer's Association.

Wilma Colbart

FORT WAYNE — Wilma G. Colbart, 91, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Auburn, died Friday June 18, 2010, at her home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Colbart

She was born in Fort Wayne on Feb. 14, 1919, to Levi W. and Emma A. (French) Brown.

She worked for G.E in Fort Wayne, Charleston Metal Products in Waterloo and she assisted her husband with the operation and management of Hidden Valley Golf Course in Angola before retiring in 1977.

After retiring they moved to Arcadia, Fla., where she was a former member of the Trinity United Methodist Church. They came back to Indiana in 1996. She was a member of Waterloo United Methodist Church.

She married George B. Farrell on Aug. 6, 1937, in Fort Wayne and he died Sept. 29, 1941. She then married Donald P. Colbart on Dec. 1, 1943, in Auburn and he died June 9, 2000.

She is survived by two sons and three daughters-in-law, Byron and Janice Farrell of Godfrey, Ill., Tim and Linda Colbart of Auburn and Linda Colbart of Huntington; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and James Hamilton of Auburn and Suzan and Allen Armstrong of Fort Wayne; 16 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Dorotha Fisher of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, a son, Paul "Doug" Colbart, a grandson, Mark Colbart, a great-grandson, Adam Thompson, a brother, Wayne Brown and two sisters, Mable Abbott and Zeda Elwood.

A memory of life service will take place Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 South Center Street, Auburn. The Rev. David Matthews will officiate. The family will be receiving friends two hours prior to the service Wednesday, from noon to 2 p.m., at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Parkview Home Health and Hospice or Waterloo United Methodist Church.

John Hart

AUBURN — John O. Hart Jr., 86, died Friday, June 18, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was born Dec. 23, 1923, in Fort Wayne, to John O. and Ida B. (Lee) Hart.

Mr. Hart retired after 40 years of service with the United States Air Force and the Indiana Air National Guard.

Surviving are two daughters, Elizabeth Chrisman of Butler and Beverly Knappenberger of Yulee, Fla.; a son, Thomas Hart of Yulee; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Marlys, and a brother, Harry.

There are no calling or services planned at this time. Arrangements are by H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

Roy Guinn

AUBURN — Roy A. Guinn 87, beloved husband, father and grandfather, died Sunday June 20, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

He was born July 18, 1922, in Auburn to the late Charlie and Eva (Mitchell) Guinn.

He was the building materials manager at Broadview Lumber Company in Auburn, retiring in 1984.

He was a WWII Army Veteran, a member of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn and the Garrett VFW.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn.

He married Maysa Link on August 17, 1946, in Auburn and she survives. He is also survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Steven A Guinn of Hudson and Daniel E. and Sally Guinn of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Kim (Beau) Krebs of Angola, Heather (Cole) Krebs of Auburn, Sgt. Timothy Guinn, stationed at Fort Wainwright, Fairbanks, Alaska; Samantha Guinn of Fort Wayne and Charlie Guinn of Fort Wayne; and six great-grandchildren, Maysa Jo Krebs, Kollin Krebs, Trenten Krebs, Jett Krebs, Caitlin Krebs and Jay Krebs.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn. Father Derrick Sneyd will officiate.

Calling is two hours prior to the service from 1 to 3 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Military funeral honors will be conducted by the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Memorials can be directed to the Fort Wayne Veterans Hospital.

Steve Friend

FORT WAYNE — Steve "Corunna" Friend, 62, met his Savior, Jesus Christ, on Thursday, June 17, 2010, at The Cleveland Clinic after a courageous battle with leukemia.

He grew up in Corunna, Indiana, and graduated from Waterloo High School in 1966 where he was affectionately know as "Arnie."

He participated in cross country, track and was a basketball team manager.

After his service in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, Steve obtained his bachelor's degree from IPFW in Geology and worked as a geologist for the State Highway Department.

Steve began a career in sales at Morrill Motors as a Regional Sales Manager.

He was also a member of Concordia Lutheran Church where he served as an usher.

He was a loving husband, father and friend.

He enjoyed playing golf and cards and spent many weekends at the family farm.

Surviving are his wife, Kris (Smock) Friend; daughters, Sarah and Katie; aunts, Ethel Hills and Barb Hoffmeyer; and a special thank you to his cousin, Al Hohman.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Doris Friend, and a sister, Suanna.

His funeral service is at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Concordia Lutheran Church, 4245 Lake Ave., with calling an hour prior to the service. The Rev. Karl Frincke will officiate.

Calling will also be at D.O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Tuesday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Concordia Lutheran Church, or to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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Nancy Smith

GARRETT — Nancy I. Smith, 51, of Garrett died Sunday, June 20, 2010, at her residence.

Mrs. Smith was a day care provider.

She was member of the Garrett Eagles Lodge.

She was born Jan. 19, 1959, in Kingwood, W.Va., to Harry and Betty (Steffen) Wickline. She married Fred L. Smith on Feb. 9, 1974 in Garrett. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a daughter and son in-law, Tammy and Michael Reneau of Garrett; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Samuel Smith of Garrett and Cliff and Angie Smith of Garrett; 10 grandchildren; five brothers, Jeff, David, Robert, Bobby and Walter Wickline; three sisters, Ilene Linder, Linda Mann and Georgia Hickman; and her mother-in-law, Betty Smith of Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Christian Union Brethren in Christ Church, 4395 C.R. 7, Garrett, with the Rev. Joe Laher officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. today at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to the family.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

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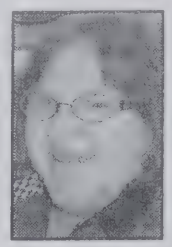
Pamela Scott

BUTLER — Pamela D. (Hughes) Scott, 59, died Sunday, June 20, 2010, at Lehigh Valley Hospital Center in Allentown, Pa.


Mrs. Scott

She was the wife of Kim R. Scott.

A service will be held at a later date.

Heffner Funeral Chapel & Crematory Inc., 1551 Kenneth Road in York, Pa., is in charge of the arrangements.

Pamela was born in Baltimore, Md., on November 19, 1950, a daughter of the late Wilson and Marilyn (Stocksdale) Hughes. She was currently working as a physical therapist for East Noble School District in the Fort Wayne area.

Pamela served as treasurer for Motor Maids, Red Hat Society, and Lucky Ladies.

Along with her husband, Pamela leaves a son, Jerrod Wiesman of Cambridge, Mass; two daughters, Rachel O' Leary and her husband, Chris, of Mt. Wolf, Pa., and Scuffy Genius of Providence, R.I.; three grandchildren, Carter, Abigail, and Clelia; a brother, Wilson "Skip" Hughes and his wife, Carla, of Florida; and a sister-in-law, Trilby and her husband, Larry Schohl.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to DeKalb County Animal Shelter, 16173 Baseline Road, Genoa, IL 60135 or Children First Center, 1752 Wesley Road, Auburn, IN 46706.

Send online condolences to BestLifeTributes.com

Patricia Shaw

ORLAND — Patricia M. Shaw, 71, died Tuesday night at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Patricia was born in Butler, Indiana, on January 1, 1939, to the late Walter Paul Sr. and Pauline (Beckworth) Krontz.

Patricia worked at Air-Way Manufacturing in Waterloo and made crafts out of her home.

She enjoyed fishing, watching the wildlife, listening to country music and being with her grandchildren.

Surviving Patricia is her husband, Gary, whom she married on April 20, 1995, in Angola.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Ronald and Laura Fraley of Texas, Martin and Jane Fraley of Kendallville, Anthony "Tony" Fraley of Waterloo and Lou Fraley II and Sheila of Orland; a daughter and son-in-law, Jeanne and Bill Kelley of Ashley; two stepdaughters, Stacey and Chris Pollin of Waterloo and Beth Shaw of Waterloo; three brothers, James Paul Krontz of Orland, Roger Krontz of Burlington, Mich., and Walter Krontz Jr. of Bourbon, Ind.; four sisters, Laura Lee Strong of Fremont, Joyce Thomas of Butler, Mary English of Butler and Shirley Bassett of Newville; 19 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Cathy Fraley; a brother, Robert Krontz; and two sisters, Martha Jean Friedel and Deborah Hicks.

A graveside service for Patricia M. Shaw will be on Thursday, July 1, 2010, at 11 a.m. at the Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

The H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home of Angola is in charge of the arrangements.

Friends may sign the guest book for Patricia at www.hejohnsonfh.com

Nedra Bonham

COLUMBUS, Ind. — Nedra Jayne Bonham, 52, of Columbus died at 1 a.m. Wednesday, June 23, 2010, at her home.

Mrs. Bonham

Nedra was a former X-ray technician at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne and was chief technologist at Columbus Diagnostic Imaging.

She was a member of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church and enjoyed traveling and spending time with her children, family and friends.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, 1306 27th Street, Columbus, with Father Clem Davis officiating.

Family and friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Barkes, Weaver & Glick Funeral Home, 1029 Washington St., Columbus.

Burial will be at Garland Brook Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to St. Bartholomew Catholic School or Schneck Cancer Center in Seymour.

Online condolences may be sent to Nedra's family at www.barkesweaverglick.com

Born in Garrett December 15, 1957, Nedra was the daughter of Frank and Marge (Ballentine) Januseski. She married Michael R. Bonham on September 15, 1984.

Survivors include her husband; her children, Brandon Bonham of Cleveland, Ohio, and Alison Bonham of Fort Myers, Fla.,; a sister, Margo (Rick) Lewis of Angola; a brother, Tony (Chris) Januseski of Garrett; a niece, Sara (Bryan) Weber of Angola; nephews, Matt (Amy) Lewis and Andy (Sarah) Lewis, both of Angola; three great-nieces; and two great-nephews.

Nedra was preceded in death by her parents.

George Bickel

MEADVILLE, Pa. — George A. Bickel of Dawn Court in Meadville, Pa., died Wednesday, June 23, 2010, at Meadville Medical Center.

He was born May 26, 1925, in Emlenton, Rockland Township, Pa., the son of George A. and Mary T. (Coulter) Bickel. He married Barbara Spencer on July 8, 1945. She preceded him in death on June 30, 2003. He then married Evelyn Nosker on April 30, 2008. She survives.

Also surviving are his daughters, Gail (John) Bulanda of New Lenox, Ill., Bonnie (Clare) Fater of Auburn, Ind., and Patti (Jay) Paxton of The Villages, Fla.; his stepson, Wayne (Marie) Nosker; his stepdaughter, Linda (John) Litzinger of Meadville; his grandchildren, Michelle (Andy) Batchelder, Beth Fater, David (Erin) Bulanda, Sara Paxton, Mike (Sadie) Litzinger and Mark (Charlotte) Litzinger; his great-grandchildren, Jayson Hill and Isaiah Clemons, Joseph, Theresa and Matthew Bulanda and Clayton and Cerese Litzinger; his sister, Helen Brown of Wesleyville; his sister-in-law, Maxine (Peter) DeGerlado; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Wayne Bickel.

Mr. Bickel graduated from Pleasantville High School. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II.

He retired after 30 years as plant manager for Ford Motor Company.

Mr. Bickel had lived in Pennsylvania, New York, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Illinois Neighbor Lodge 1169 for 49 years. He was a life member of the Lancaster, New York, Elks Lodge 1478 and an endowment member of the NRA.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m Saturday, June 26, 2010, at Roofner-Collins Funeral Home, 544 Chestnut St., Meadville, Pa. with the Rev. Dave Brumagin officiating. A military service will follow by VFW Post 2006

Viewing will be from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today, Friday, June 25, 2010, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Black Hills Wild Horse Sanctuary, P.O. Box 998, Hot Springs, SD 57747. George had enjoyed at trip to the sanctuary last fall.

Linnea DePew

KENDALLVILLE — Linnea Adela DePew, 63, of Kendallville died at 9:50 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, 2010, at the IU Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Mrs. DePew

She had lived in the area since 1958, and was a native of Nebraska. She graduated from Kendallville High School as salutatorian in 1964.

Mrs. DePew was a 20-year survivor of a liver transplant. Along with her husband, she owned and operated their dairy farm, Knob-Hil-Vue. She was also a homemaker and Avon representative.

For the past 12 years, Mrs. DePew worked for A&H Specialties in Kendallville.

Linnea was very active in her four daughters' education and was supportive of all their extracurricular activities, including but not limited to: East Noble High School Theatre, East Noble Band Boosters, East Noble Show Choirs, Business Professional of America, gymnastics, FFA and science competitions.

In 2009, she was named the Grand Marshal of Noble County Community Fair Parade recognizing her involvement in 4-H, Home Extension and the community. She and her husband were instrumental in the start of the 4-H Dairy Steer Project. Mrs. DePew continued her support of the project by being secretary. She was also involved in the building of the Beef/Dairy Steer Barn at the fairgrounds. In addition, she consistently served in the youth organization's Dairy Project for more than 30 years.

Mrs. DePew helped start the Noble County Preview Dairy Steer Show 12 years ago and has served as secretary/treasurer since the beginning. She served in all of the offices of the Noble County Home Extension Club and was a member of the Fun 'N' Fancy Homemakers Club.

She was a treasurer of Gaslight Playhouse Inc. She also loyally worked the elections for the Republican Party for more than 30 years.

She was born November 10, 1946, in Hastings, Neb., to Jacob and Edna (Maaske) Heathers. On January 1, 1965, she married Robert Earl DePew in Corunna.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Lee Ann DePew of Kendallville, Robin and Steve Fuhrman of Avilla, Lori Bowman of Peoria, Ill., and Renee and Sid Carty Jr. of Indianapolis; 11 grandchildren, Heidi and Wes Spencer, Nick Fuhrman, Heather Wade, Philip Bowman, Elizabeth Bowman, Faith Bowman, Jakeb Bowman, Grace Bowman, Derek Carty, Arlan Carty and Morgan Carty; and her mother, Edna (Gram) Heathers of Kendallville.

Preceding her in death are her father on December 31, 1983, and her husband on March 26, 1997.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, June 28, 2010, her father's birth date, in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Doug Keenan officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, June 27, 2010, and 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the 4-H Dairy Steer Leadership Award, Gaslight Playhouse Inc. or Indiana Organ Procurement Organization.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Gina Blackstone

BRENTWOOD, Calif. — Gina Marie (Harrold) Blackstone, 47, of Brentwood, Calif., and formerly of Waterloo, was taken from us suddenly after a motorcycle accident on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, along with her fiancé Anthony Soldano.

Ms. Blackstone

Gina was born Feb. 19, 1963, in Hicksville, Ohio, and raised just outside of Waterloo.

She graduated from DeKalb High School in 1981. She moved to California in 1988. She had a long career in the plumbing and homebuilding industry while in California.

Gina was loved by many and had a huge heart. She was always seen with a big smile on her face and got great joy out of helping others. She touched many people's lives in many different ways and didn't know a stranger.

She is survived by her mother, Lura Lee Harrold of Bourbon; a brother and sister-in-law, Greg and Stacey Harrold of Burnsville, Minn.; a sister and brother-in-law, Gail and Tim Downing of Etna Green; two nieces, Hannah Downing and Quinn Marie Downing; and three nephews, Jackson Downing, Alex Harrold and Adam Harrold.

She was preceded in death by her father, Eugene L. "Stretch" Harrold, who passed away Nov. 13, 2008.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. A private family burial will take place in Eddy Cemetery in rural Hamilton.

The family will receive friends from 1-3 p.m. Saturday prior to the memorial service at the funeral home.

Gina was a staunch supporter of the breast cancer crusade and would have liked it if her friends and family were to donate to the cause in her name.

We will miss you Gina Marie, you were one in a million.

Donna Kester

AUBURN — Donna L. Kester, 78, of Auburn died Saturday, June 26, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was born March 17, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Oral and Marie (Affolder) Rodebaugh. She married Ralph K. Kester on Nov. 28, 1950, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Kester worked at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn for nine years. She then went to work for the Messenger Corporation in Auburn and retired after 21 years of service.

She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Laurie S. Kester of Auburn, Debra S. and Barry Bruner of Auburn, and Shirley A. West of Auburn; four grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; a brother, David Rodebaugh of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Louise Burkley of Avilla.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Danny L. Kester; three brothers; and three sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Indian Village Church of God, Auburn, with the Rev. Raymond Warner officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the Indian Village Church of God Food Bank.

Shawn Riley

AVILLA — Shawn Michael Riley, 42, died June 23, 2010, at his home in Avilla. He had been ill since September of 2009 with saranomia cancer.

He was born on May 10, 1968, in Coldwater, Mich., to Ray and Patsy (Weakly) Riley. He came to Avilla from Waterloo and LaGrange and has lived here since September. He worked as a bundler at Courier in Kendallville. He had many interests, including kayaking, puzzles, soduko, NASCAR, music and fishing. He enjoyed Harley-Davidson motorcycles and was a big Notre Dame fan especially football. He was a member of the Auburn Retreat APA Pool League.

He is survived by his mother, Patsy Riley of LaGrange; two sons, Cody Lee Riley, and Steven Riley, both of LaGrange, and a sister and her fiance, Julie Macy and Jamey Hall of Avilla; nephews, Joshua Bowser Riley of Indianapolis, Joseph Evans of Auburn; great nephews, Kiyle Bowser, Lucas Collier, Gavin Collier, and Riley Bowser; great nieces, Faith Ellen Miller, Joey Elizabeth Evans, Ava Lorraine Collier, Alana Kay Collier; and one niece and her husband, Jamie Lorraine and Steve Collier of Auburn.

He is preceded in death by his brother, Lee Everts Riley and a great niece, Ragen Evans.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla is in charge of arrangements.

Please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

Robert Wilcox

HAMILTON — Robert J. "Bob" Wilcox, 84, died Thursday, June 24, 2010, at his home in rural Hamilton.

Mr. Wilcox

He was born Nov. 2, 1925, in Napoleon, Ohio, to Stanley G. and Helena (Jewell) Wilcox. He married Eileen Leonard on Nov. 2, 1943, in Liberty Center, Ohio. She survives.

Mr. Wilcox was the owner and operator of the Oak Lanes Mobile Home Park in rural Hamilton for the past 34 years. He also worked for Cooper-Standard Automotive Company as a supervisor for over 18 years.

He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy, serving during World War II.

He was a former member of the Montpelier, Ohio, Masonic Lodge and the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Stanley F. Wilcox of Hamilton, and Rodney J. and Parris Wilcox of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Peggy A. and Larry Grogg of Hamilton; three grandchildren, Paige Gonzalez and her husband Nicholas, Jillian Wilcox, and Kelly Knaggs and her husband Scott; two great grandchildren, Megan Ewing and Anthony Wilcox; and a great-great grandson, Nicholas Wilcox.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Herbert Wilcox and Clifford Wilcox.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be Hamilton Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from noon-2 p.m. on Wednesday prior to the memorial service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice.

STAR
June 27 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Phillip Fisher was a friendly face

BY JIM SHILANDER
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Mr. Fisher

FREMONT — In every person's life, there are people they may not know all that well, but who they see all the time.

Those people, their cheery dispositions or perhaps their kind words, help get us through tough times, or even just through the day.

For many in the town of Fremont, and especially his family, Phillip Fisher was that friendly face.

Fisher, who moved to Fremont 15 years ago to be closer to family, died June 11 at age 63.

Fisher was a veteran, serving in the Marine Corps in Vietnam. As such, he became a fixture at Fremont's American Legion Post, as well as the Fremont Moose Lodge. Mike Collins, chaplain of the Legion, conducted Phillips' funeral service and knew him as a mainstay at the Legion hall.

"He was a quiet guy," Collins said. "He was smiley, joined the conversation as best he could. He was just a quiet, friendly guy."

Collins said he also remembered Collins for his faith.

"He would read the Gospels at night. His worship in his own way," Collins noted.

Niece Ginger Fifield confirmed as much.

"Each day was a blessing that he was here, that's what he'd say all the time," Fifield said. "He would watch the preachers on Sunday mornings on television. He wouldn't go to church, but he always had his Bible with him."

Later in his life, she said, family became the most important thing in her uncle's life.

"He loved going out for cookouts, coming over for family dinners or going to baseball games," she said. "Whenever he could be there he'd be there."

Nephews John and Stanley Bowen said their uncle moved to Fremont after the two of them, and Ginger, moved to Steuben County from Flint, Mich.

"He was a good guy, but he got better when he came here," Stanley Bowen said. "He was more lovable, more respectable person. He'd gotten lonely up there when no one was up there with him."

John said his uncle had some personal problems before moving, calling before he moved to say that he'd seen too many friends lost, and he didn't want a similar fate. Being closer to his family saved him, John said.

"He was always outgoing and open with people, but that really came through when he came down here. It changed his life," he said.

John said his uncle had taken an active role in the lives of his nieces and nephews growing up. "He took care of me, he changed my diapers," John joked."He was a wonderful uncle, and you couldn't have had a better friend."

Beverly Stahl

KENDALLVILLE — Beverly G. Stahl, age 79, of Kendallville died on Sunday, June 27, 2010, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Stahl

Mrs. Stahl worked for Dana Corp. in Churubusco for 25 years, retiring in October of 1990.

She loved to play bingo with her friends.

She was born in Newville, Indiana, on September 30, 1930, to the late Ernest and Edna (Harter) Nelson. She was married to Paul Stahl until his passing in 1986.

Survivors include four daughters, Gloria Yarde of Tacoma, Washington, Mary Lou Yarde of Butler, Indiana, Sheryl Yarde of Ohio, and Patricia and Richard Barnes of Bristol, Indiana; two sons, Larry and Cindy Yarde of Rockwood, Tennessee, and David Brumbaugh of Auburn, Indiana; 15 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Betty Pring of Tacoma, Washington

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Paul Stahl; two grandchildren, Patrick and Heather; one sister; and two brothers

Visitation will be Wednesday, June 30, 2010, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

There will be no funeral services or burial.

Preferred memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Nancy Chester

CROSSVILLE, Tenn. — Nancy Jane (Halsey) Chester, 55 of Crossville, Tenn., died Saturday, June 26, 2010, at Grant Medical Center in Columbus Ohio.

She was born March 22, 1955, in Angola. Her father Clifford D. Halsey has preceded her in death. Her mother and stepfather, Phyllis Mae (Rasler) and Jon Phelps, survive in Hamilton.

Nancy was a homemaker. She attended Prairie Heights High School.

She home schooled her children and taught at different schools in the area.

She loved to decorate cakes, gardening, music, collecting rocks and doing creative things with her hands. She loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

She married Hugh C. Chester June 6, 1971, in Steuben County and he survives in Crossville. She is also survived by a son, Ben Chester of Crossville, Tenn.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Jenny and Steve Dalton of Crossville, Tenn., and Amy Chester of Chattanooga, Tenn.; eight grandchildren, Cameron Lee Chester, Cora Danniel Chester, Cierra Brook Chester, Kyrra Adley Chester, Hunter Dalton, Haley Dalton, Gabriel Careathers and Noah Careathers; a great-grandson, Caydin Jean Chipman; and three sisters and brothers-in-law, Sandy and Gary Butler of Auburn, Julie and Terry Greenwood of Waterloo and Debbie and Craig Siders of Ashley.

Services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, July 1, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Russell Hepler of the Plato United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Summer City Cemetery in Pikeville, Tenn.

Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the family in care of Jenny Dalton, 1612 Sunset Ridge Drive, Crossville, Tenn. 38571.

Robert Zimmerman

BUTLER — Robert Zimmerman, 59, died Saturday, June 26, 2010, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

There are no services or calling planned at this time.

Arrangements are by H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

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Ruth Herron

CHURUBUSCO —Ruth A. Herron, 88, of Churubusco died Monday, June 28, 2010, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Herron had worked at the former Barnhart Drug Store and later in the cafeteria at Smith-Green Community Schools. She was employed at Rea Magnet Wire in Fort Wayne for 25 years, retiring from there as an inspector in 1985.

Mrs. Herron

A resident of Churubusco all of her adult life, she was a 1939 graduate of Churubusco High School.

Mrs. Herron was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel.

She was born Aug. 27, 1921 in DeKalb County, to Leroy C. and Florence Ethel (Musser) Hodges. She married Arthur L. Herron in Columbia City on Feb. 19, 1941. Mr. Herron preceded her in death on Oct. 31, 2002.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Sally (Victor) Spear of Churubusco, Julie (Rev. Terry L.) Zolman of Albion, and Susan (Peter) Rogers of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Reynard (Joan) Herron of Churubusco; 10 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Verna Crooks; two brothers Elsworth J. Hodges and Charles L. Hodges; and a grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Merriam Christian Chapel with Pastors Terry L. Zolman and Steve Pulley officiating. Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to EMS Medic 21 , 204 N. Line St., Churubusco, IN 46723; or to the Alzheimer's

Association, 6324 Constitution Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

Rev. James Spink

ANGOLA — Very Rev. James P. Spink, Ph.D., went to be with his Lord on June 30, 2010. The son of Elizabeth Grady and Gale T. Spink, he was born in Ethan, S.D., on Nov. 6, 1933, the youngest of nine children. His twin died shortly after birth.

Rev. Spink

The family moved to Harrisburg, Ore., in 1935 where he attended public school until he graduated from the eighth grade and entered seminary at Mt. Angel, Ore. He completed high school and college there with a major in philosophy and history. He entered St. Thomas Seminary in Kenmore, Wash., and was ordained a Roman Catholic Priest in 1959. He served as associate pastor to St. John the Apostle Church in Oregon City, Ore., for nine years, then went to Sorbonne University of Paris, in Paris, France. He resigned from the Roman Catholic Church in 1966 and returned to Notre Dame where he completed his doctoral in 1972. He started the Northeastern Community Mental Health Center in Kendallville in 1970 and went into private practice in 1979 starting the Family Counseling Center.

He earned a Master's Degree in Drug & Alcohol Addiction Counseling. He assisted Cameron Hospital in its inpatient treatment of alcoholic and drug addicts, training and consulting with its staff.

In 1992, he started Community of Corrections facility in Auburn with the goal of rehabilitating addicts in a work-release environment.

His Family Counseling Center began in 1979 after he resigned from Northeastern Center once it was in full operation in the four counties of Northeast Indiana. He has operated two offices with his staff in Auburn and Angola, seeing many local residents even if they couldn't pay for lack of insurance or employment!

The Family Counseling Center will continue under the auspices of Dr. Judy Williams, Ph.D and associates.

He completed a Diplomate in Psychopharmacology in 2000, in the hope that Indiana would legislate for properly trained psychologists to have prescribing privileges as some other states have done.

In 1998, he met Archbishop Brian Carsten, better known to us as "Father Skip," the Metropolitan Archbishop of the American Orthodox Catholic Church. He joined this group and was soon made a Monsignor for his wisdom and experience in aiding so many people.

He is survived by his wife and best friend, Emma Spink, a daughter of Fort Wayne, Bethann Appleman, two stepsons and their wives, Brandon and Beth Wolf of San Antonio, Texas, and Larry and Theresa Wolf of Albion. Also surviving are his four grandchildren whom he dearly loved and enjoyed: Timber and Dakota Wolf of Albion and Emily and Ethan James Wolf of San Antonio.

Also surviving are three brothers, Charlie, Dennis and Clarence Spink, along with many nieces, nephews and friends.

He will be missed dearly. His legacy of helping others will continue with the Dr. James P. Spink scholarship fund. Donations to this fund can be sent to First Federal Bank at 212 E. Maumee St., Angola.

Calling hours will be July 4 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Funeral services will be Monday, July 5, at 1 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home.

Ruby L. McCann

HOWE — Ruby L. McCann, 87, of Howe, died Thursday, July 1, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Mrs. McCann

She worked as a seamstress at Shadow Interiors in Shipshewana and had lived most of her life in LaGrange County. She spent many years on Big Long Lake.

She was born Oct. 29, 1922, in DeKalb County to William and Dessie (Whitman) Diehm. On Feb. 11, 1939, she married Walter E. McCann in Waterloo. He preceded her in death on Feb. 14, 1991.

Surviving are a daughter, Alice D. Walker of Nancy, Ky.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Walter L. "Butch" and Sharon McCann of Howe and Daniel J. McCann of LaGrange; a daughter-in-law, Patricia Rice of Centreville, Mich.; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Garcile Brandeberry of Corunna.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Larry J. McCann in Sept. 1994, three sisters and a brother.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 West Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery, Howe.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at fruripmayfuneralhome.com

STAR
July 4 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Sharing the joy of July 4

Ken Boseker liked the way fireworks made people happy

BY DAVE KURTZ
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WATERLOO — Ken Boseker got a big bang out of the Fourth of July.

In apparent contradiction to his quiet nature, he loved fireworks.

"Here's this quiet, gentle man," said his wife, Donna Boseker. For the family's annual fireworks party at the Bosekers' rural Waterloo home, "He'd buy the biggest package he could buy," she said.

Mr. Boseker

Mr. Boseker died unexpectedly May 23 at the age of 69.

Staging a big fireworks show for July 4 "created a chance for him to see the joy in everybody else," said Boseker's son, Donovan Martin. "He didn't do that because he loved fireworks. He did that because he wanted to see how happy it made everybody else."

Being outdoors for fireworks or any other activity made Boseker happy, Martin said.

That was especially true if he could be with his family, or tending his beautiful yard, or swinging a golf club — the three passions in his life, Donna Boseker said.

"He grew up with a golf club in his hands" as the son of a country-club president in Fort Wayne, she said. In the 1960s he placed second in the Fort Wayne city tournament, making a hole-in-one in the process.

A successful certified public accountant who owned a firm in Kendallville for 30 years, he liked the nature of a business that peaked during tax season.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Ken Boseker lights a firework at one of the annual Fourth of July parties he enjoyed staging for his family.

"In the summertime, he could leave the office early and play golf," and he did so nearly every day until his retirement in 2004, his wife said.

Boseker took his work seriously, however. Jewelry-store owner Mike Littlejohn of Auburn appreciated the personal attention he gave clients.

Littlejohn called Boseker "Papa Ken" and "my accountant and father figure," he said. Boseker gave Littlejohn encouragement and boosted his confidence in business decisions.

"He just taught me not to be scared and to trust my instincts. … He was a special guy," Littlejohn said.

Donna Boseker said her husband supported her career as an insurance agency owner and her work with the DeKalb County Community Foundation. She recalls making a recent speech for the foundation and looking out to find "he had tears in his eyes, because he was so proud of me."

"He was the wind beneath my wings," she said.

Boseker was known for his kindness, gentleness and being non-confrontational, his wife added.

"He was always patient. He was always understanding. He was always there to give guidance," said Martin, who today is a psychotherapist and counselor in Fort Wayne.

"He would never sit you down and lecture you. He would never teach directly. But everything that guy did was to teach you a lesson," Martin said. "You just learned from little lessons and watching him. He taught me a lot."

Violet Ungerer

FORT WAYNE — Violet E. Ungerer, 80, passed away Thursday, July 1, 2010 at home in Fort Wayne surrounded by her family following an extended battle with cancer.

Born in Columbia City, Ind., Violet graduated from North Side High School class of 1947.

Mrs. Ungerer

She worked as a Hobs operator with Bowmar, Inc. for 13 years, retiring in 1983.

She was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church and Airstream Club Indiana Unit. Violet enjoyed travel and spending time with family.

Surviving are her husband of 63 years, Raymond E. Ungerer of Fort Wayne; sons, Ronald G. (Karen) Ungerer of Avilla, Steven M. (Carey) Ungerer of Churubusco, Edward A. (Judy) Ungerer of Auburn; five grandchildren, Stephanie Young, Jamie Hamman, Joshua, Brock and Cord Ungerer; and eight great grandchildren.

Violet was preceded in death by her parents, Ora E. and Vera F. Kiser; granddaughter, Brenda Ungerer; brother, Eugene R. Kiser; and sister, Hilda L. Parson.

Funeral Service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior to service. Dr. Derek Weber will be officiating.

Calling will also be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be made to the Shriner's Children's Hospital or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Rural crash kills Garrett man, 96

LAOTTO — A 96-year-old rural Garrett man died Monday after a two-vehicle crash at 4:20 p.m. near his home, DeKalb County Police reported.

Floyd I. Pfierman, of the 5300 block of DeKalb C.R. 3, was pronounced dead when he arrived at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, where a Samaritan rescue helicopter flew him after the crash. A news release said the hospital described his injuries as multiple traumas.

A second driver in the crash, Robert R. Rittermeyer, 49, of the 100 block of Tamarack Street, LaOtto, suffered a fractured arm, police said. He was treated at Parkview North Hospital and released.

Pfierman was driving southbound on C.R. 3 when he drove into the path of Rittermeyer, who was traveling eastbound on S.R. 205. Their vehicles collided in the intersection. Pfierman's 2000 Buick LaCrosse ended up in the center of the road. Rittermeyer's 2004 Chevrolet Avalanche went off the road on the southeast side of the intersection.

Police said both drivers were wearing seatbelts. They estimated $10,000 damage to Pfierman's car and $15,000 damage to Rittermeyer's vehicle.

DEKALB COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PHOTO

Floyd Pfierman of Garrett was killed when his car was struck in a collision Sunday on S.R. 205 at C.R. 3.

Indiana State Police, the LaOtto Fire Department, DeKalb EMS and the Parkview Samaritan helicopter service assisted county police at the crash scene.

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Gena Steele

TUTTLE, Okla. — Gena (Graves) Steele, 58, died July 2, 2010.

Mrs. Steele graduated from Oklahoma State University with a degree in horticulture. She was owner and operator of For Landsakes Landscaping for 10 years. She was a member of the Oklahoma Horticulture Society and Oklahoma Wild Flower Association. She was currently employed as a merchandiser for News Group. She was a graduate of DeKalb High School, class of 1970.

Mrs. Steele

She was born June 30, 1952, in Fort Wayne. She was married to Wayne Steele on Dec. 9, 1981. He survives.

Also surviving are her parents, Paul E. and Margret Graves, Auburn; mother-in-law, Shirley Steele, Oklahoma City, Okla.; six brothers, Ivan and Becky of Auburn, Tom and Karen of Spencerville, John of Fort Wayne, Matt and Rosita of Bethany, Okla., Joe and Lori of Auburn and Paul A. and Rebecca of Spencerville; four sisters, Julie Nolan of Auburn, Mary and Kim Goldwood of Larwill, Theresa and Daniel Bonkoski of Auburn and Patricia and Ric Misner of Fort Wayne; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Rollie and Mary Graves and August and Martha Weber, and father-in-law, Tom Steele.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at True Oak Fellowship Church, 20 Worley Creek Drive, Tuttle, OK 73089. Private graveside services will be held prior to internment.

Memorials are to Gena Steele Memorial Fund, Sooner State Bank, 420 N.W. 32th St., New Castle, OK, 73065 for mission work overseas for education of children.

Floyd Pfierman

GARRETT — Floyd I. Pfierman, 96, of Garrett, died at 5:12 p.m. Monday, July 5, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Pfierman was born Aug. 14, 1913, in Harlan to Fredrick and Mary (Pierman) Pfierman. He married Rebekah B. Lawrence on Oct. 6, 1940, in Harlan.

He was a farmer and worked at Tokheim Pump in Fort Wayne for 28 years, retiring in 1977. He was a member of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, Garrett Masonic Lodge, Garrett Eagles, DeKalb County Men's Chorus and DeKalb County Farm Bureau where he was president for 18 years.

He is survived by his wife, Rebekah B. (Lawrence) Pfierman of Garrett; four daughters: Sharon Bashore of Apache Junction, Ariz., Sandra and John Heitz of Kendallville, Linda Pfierman of Fort Wayne and Joyce and John Crain of Garrett; seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Clara Brandon; and two brothers, Ernest and Clarence Pfierman.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Brad Hardesty officiating. Burial will follow in Embrey Cemetery in rural Garrett.

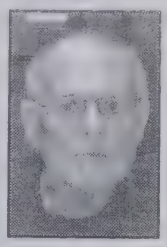
Visitation will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren

To send a condolence or to sign the online guestbook, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Elbert Sumner

GARRETT — Elbert Sumner, 83, of Garrett died Tuesday, July 6, 2010, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Sumner

Mr. Sumner worked for Garrett Products, retiring in 1989.

He was born April 12, 1927, in Hazard, Kentucky, to Norman and Carrie (Combs) Sumner.

He married Beulah Combs on February 26, 1957, in Hazard, Kentucky. She survives in Garrett.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael Sumner of Garrett, Johnny and Lisa Sumner of Auburn, and Elbert Sumner Jr.; a daughter, Carrie Sumner of Garrett; one grandson, Johnny Sumner Jr. of Auburn; two brothers, Denver Sumner of Kentucky, Coby Sumner of Kentucky; three sisters, Letha Butler of Ohio, Phobie Maggard of Kentucky, and Maxine Hutchingson of Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Eli Sumner, John M. Sumner, and Ova Sumner; and two sisters, Percy Bowling, and Peggy McCray.

Visitation will take place from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Visitation will also take place from 5-9 p.m. on Saturday at Hindman Funeral Service, 619 Hindman Bypass, Hindman, KY, with funeral services taking place at 1 p.m. Sunday. Pastor Darrell Short and Pastor Darrell W. Short will officiate. Burial will be in Sumner Cemetery, Vicco, KY.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Beulah Sumner.

Maxine Dame

MENIFEE, Calif. — Maxine Ann (Walt) Dame, 77, of Menifee, Calif., formerly of Garrett, died Friday, June 25, 2010, in her home.

Mrs. Dame

She was born Aug. 26, 1933, in Garrett to Edward and Pheba (Huffman) Walt. Her parents preceded her in death.

She was a 1951 graduate of Garrett High School.

In 1951, she married Richard B. Dame in Garrett. He survives in Menifee, Calif.

Surviving are her husband; a daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and Dennis Grubb of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a son and daughter-in-law, Dwayne and Patricia Dame of Yucaipa, Calif.; five grandsons; one great-grandson; and two sisters, Waunieta Colvin of Churubusco and Betty Hart of Temple City, Calif.

A celebration of life service was held June 29, 2010, at Canyon Lake Community Church, Canyon Lake, Calif. Burial was in California.

Memorials are to Canyon Lake Community Church Memorial Fund, 30515 Railroad Canyon Rod, Canyon Lake, CA 92587.

Robert Smurr

AVILLA — Robert Ward "Bob" Smurr, 82, of rural Avilla, died Wednesday, July 7, 2010, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Smurr

Mr. Smurr was born in Butler on Feb. 5, 1928, to the late Harvey Ward Smurr and Thelma Victoria (Applegate) Smurr-Miller.

He graduated from Avilla High School in 1945 and the Indiana Institute of Technology in 1957. Bob served his country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict from 1950-52.

He married Doris Joan Robart on Oct. 21, 1955, at the Avilla Methodist Church.

Bob was a lifetime dairy farmer on his rural Avilla farm and he was employed as a professional engineer with Harvester International and Magnavox of Fort Wayne, Case Construction Tractors in Churubusco, and Flint & Walling of Kendallville. He also worked in the Noble County Surveyor's office in Albion as an assistant to the surveyor.

Bob loved eating ice cream, mushroom hunting and spending time outdoors. He enjoyed fishing, attending all of his grandkids' activities, and gardening. Bob was a charter member of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla and the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Doris Smurr of rural Avilla; a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Lori Smurr of Avilla; two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Max Franklin of Kendallville and Julie and Greg Baka of Columbia, Mo.; seven grandchildren, Jeremy, Christopher, and Whitney Smurr of Avilla, Kelsey and Robbie Franklin of Kendallville and Travis and Rose Baka of Columbia; and a sister, Joy Miller-Ferry of Lancaster, Calif.

Funeral Services will be Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Burial will be in the Avilla Cemetery. Casketbearers will be his grandsons Jeremy, Christopher, Robbie and Travis.

Calling will be Saturday from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Calvary United Methodist Church.

View a video tribute by Saturday or send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com The funeral home also may be found on Facebook.com

Herman Crager

CORUNNA — Herman Crager, 69, of Corunna, died Wednesday, July 7, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Crager worked for Cooper-Standard Automotive Company in Auburn, retiring in 1995 after 30 years of service.

He was a member of the Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church.

He was born Aug. 6, 1940, in Magoffin County, Ky., to Jimmy and Effie (Shephard) Crager.

He married Vessie (Hicks) Crager on Aug. 5, 1961. She survives in Corunna.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Darlene and Danny Pankop of Waterloo, Lisa Carroll of Hudson, and Brenda and Raymond Hamilton of Kendallville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Willie and Sheri Crager of Waterloo, and Josh Crager of Corunna; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Norman and Brenda Crager and Cletis and Sandy Crager, all of Hueysville, Ky.;and two sisters and a brother-in-law Ruth and Kenneth Wallace and Marie Hicks, all of Hueysville, Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three grandchildren and two brothers, Estil Crager and Vernon Crager.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church, with Pastor Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Vessie Crager.

Harold Creager

BUTLER — Harold E. Creager, 91, of Butler, died Wednesday, July 7, 2010, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mr. Creager was a lifetime Troy Township farmer.

He attended Zion United Methodist Church in rural Butler.

He was born Jan. 20, 1919, in Butler, to Ray and Mary (Cherry) Creager.

He married Vera M. Wappes on Sept. 3, 1941, in Angola. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving is a son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Joanne Creager of Butler; four daughters and a son-in-law, Maryln Turner of Waterloo, Gloria Maple of Syracuse, Linda and Jim Nye of Edgerton, Ohio, and Debby Mobley of Butler; 18 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; eight stepgreat-grandchildren; two brothers, Duane Creager of Waterloo and Allen Creager of Fort Wayne; and three sisters, Helen Cattell of Monrovia, Calif., Lois Charleswood of Waterloo and Ruth Banicki of South Bend.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a grandson, two brothers, Laverne Creager, and Kenneth Creager, a sister, Ilene Grover, and a son-in-law, James Turner.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 South Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery in rural Hamilton.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Zion United Methodist Church in rural Butler.

Lanny Cool

AUBURN — Lanny D. Cool, 71, died Thursday, July 8, 2010, at his home in rural Auburn.

Mr. Cool worked for GE from 1966 until his retirement from Lockheed Martin in 2000.

Mr. Cool

He served in the United States Air National Guard.

He was an avid horseshoe pitcher and played for several years in the St. Joe Horseshoe League.

He was born Dec. 27, 1938, in Hamilton, to Charles "Donald" and Maxine (Sanders) Cool.

He married Dixie Shipe on July 1, 1961, in Hamilton. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kevin and Lynn Cool of Mendon, Mich., and Rick Cool of Huntertown; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Dave and Diana Cool of Auburn and Tom Cool of Hamilton; six grandchildren, Cristi Cool, Casey (Tiffany) Cool, Ty Cool, Wyatt Cool, Jousha Cool, and Samantha Cool; and two great grandchildren, Kyle Cool, and Adya Hesterman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Kevin Cool; and a sister-in-law, Rebecca Cool.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. William Harnish officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice.

Opal Cooper

BUTLER — Opal E. Cooper, 83, died Thursday, July 8, 2010, at her home in rural Butler.

Mrs. Cooper was a dietary worker for DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn for over 14 years, retiring in 1992.

Mrs. Cooper

She was born Nov. 20, 1926, in Tip Top, Va., to Henry B. and Lola F. (Pruett) Hager.

She married James L. Cooper on Dec. 20, 1972, in Hicksville, Ohio. He preceded her in death on June 6, 2006.

Surviving are a son, Richard Harmon of Kendallville, three stepsons and a spouse, Ron G. and Brenda Cooper of Butler, Tim L. Cooper of Auburn, and Jerry Harmon of Missouri; five stepdaughters and spouses, Debra K. and Richard Burniston of Auburn, Diane M. and Ralph McDaniel of Angola, Mary Schweigel of St. Joe, Linda Smeltzer of Fort Wayne, and Tammy Ash of Kendallville; 12 grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Joseph D. Harmon, who died in 1972; a son, Gary Cooper; three brothers, Glenn S. Hager, Ronald W. Hager, and Jesse R. Hager; and two sisters, Macie Martin, and Bonnie L. Melvin.

Roy Knapp

AUBURN — Roy "Knappy" W. Knapp, 73, died Wednesday, July 7, 2010, in Auburn.

Born in Allen County, Mr. Knapp was a retired farmer who owned a hardware store in Albion and also worked at Eckrich and Stanadyne.

Mr. Knapp

He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Avilla, John Chapman Kiwanis and Summit City Barbershop Chorus and performed as Happy Knappy the Klown.

Surviving are his wife, Jo-Anne Knapp of Auburn; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Scott Knapp of Auburn and Allen and Traci Knapp of Syracuse; a daughter and son-in-law, Lorene and Jim Sprague of Albion; a stepson and spouse, John and Lorrie Pontius of Auburn; a stepdaughter and spouse, Jodi and Booy Strock of Butler; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, James and Connie Myers of Indianapolis; and a sister and brother-in-law, Florella and Sam Genco of Phoenix, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Rollen Knapp.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Thomas Dunbar officiating.

Calling will be Saturday from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Sunday.

Memorials are to the Immanuel Lutheran Church or Fort Wayne National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

Condolences may be left at mccombandsons.com

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Freda Long

AUBURN — Freda J. Long, 75, formerly of Waterloo, died Thursday, July 8, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Long was born in DeKalb County on March 4, 1935, to the late Charles and Esther (Roop) Tuttle.

She was a homemaker.

She married William J. Long on Aug. 11, 1951, in Angola, and he died June 31, 1983.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jim and Elizabeth Long of Waterloo and Jerry Long of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Victoria Lynn and Lee Kruger of California; a brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Jan Tuttle of Waterloo; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and a brother, Mervin Tuttle.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling will be Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Feller and Clark Funeral Home to help defray funeral costs.

Family was everything for Linnea DePew

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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KENDALLVILLE — Family was everything for Linnea DePew.

Her home was the place for every holiday and each birthday. She made it special.

"My mom enjoyed having those she loved surrounding her at these times, and giving us memories that fill my world still today," said her daughter, Lori Bowman.

Mrs. DePew, 63, of Kendallville passed away on June 23, 2010, but her legacy lives on through her four daughters, 11 grandchildren and her mother, Edna (Gram) Heathers of Kendallville.

"Mom was my armor," said her daughter, Renee Carty. "If I couldn't handle it, she took the blows. Like every mother should, mom cared for every scrape and bruise, wiped every stuffy nose, brushed every strand of hair, turned on the light to calm my fears of the dark, tucked me in at night, directed my hand to help me learn how to write my name, opened the Bible for me to read a verse and caressed my face, letting me know everything would be all right."

Lee Ann DePew said her mother was always there for her. "Almost all of our friends called her 'mom,' too," she said.

Daughter Robin Fuhrman said her mother influenced the lives of many people, including the kids, with her involvement in Noble County 4-H Dairy Steer, Dairy Feeder Steer and Dairy Products, and the cookies she tasted and acted excited about for the mini 4-H foods judging.

"As I see friends from our childhood, I frequently hear the comment that they would not have turned out as good as they did without guidance and support from our parents, especially mom," said Fuhrman.

Mrs. DePew was a 20-year survivor of a liver transplant, and along with her late husband, Robert, she owned and operated their dairy farm, Knob-Hil-Vue. She never let her physical ailments get the best of her everyday activities, said Lee Ann DePew.

Mrs. DePew

She and her husband were instrumental in the start of the 4-H Dairy Steer Project, and she served as secretary. She was also involved in the building of the Beef/Dairy Steer Barn at the Noble County Fairgrounds. She constantly served the youth organization's Dairy Project for more than 30 years.

Mrs. DePew helped start the Noble County Preview Dairy Steer Show, and served all of the offices of the Noble County Home Extension Club. She was a member of the Fun 'N' Fancy Homemakers Club.

In 2009, she was named Grand Marshal of the Noble County Community Fair Parade, recognizing her involvement in 4-H, Home Extension and the community.

"How do you begin to describe Linnea DePew in a few paragraphs?" commented Pastor Doug Keenan of the Berean Baptist Church in Albion, who conducted her memorial service. "You could write a book, and still have to leave out a great deal of her life and influence on her family and her community."

Mrs. DePew was treasurer of Gaslight Playhouse Theatre Inc., and loyally worked the elections for the Republican Party for more than 30 years.

She was close to her four daughters in every way, helping them with their school work and supporting their extracurricular activities. Keenan called her a great mom and grandmother who gave unconditional love to her family.

"I would never have learned diligence, dedication and devotion as well as I have without her," said Carty.

Keenan is also Noble County Cooperative Extension director and 4-H Youth Development educator, He has known the DePew family for over 20 years, Keenan said he could never tell if she was having a bad day, because she was always positive, always smiling.

"Linnea was a tireless worker, busy as ever until the last few weeks of her life," he said. She sewed the rosettes 4-H members will receive this year.

Her daughter, Renee, wrote a poem and words of thanks about her mom that Keenan read at her memorial service: "Thanks to that person who gave this community a vivacious woman who cared for the youth, who cared for the home, who cared for education, and who cared to protect what meant the most to her."

Preferred memorials are to the 4-H Dairy Steer Leadership Award, Gaslight Playhouse Theatre Inc. or Indiana Organ Procurement Organization.

She is buried in Lake View Cemetery just north of Kendallville.

James Helmkamp

AUBURN — James J. "Jim" Helmkamp, 73, of Auburn, died Saturday July 10, 2010, at his residence.

He was born Feb. 17, 1937, to Bernard and Hilda Helmkamp in Putnam County, Ohio. He moved with his family to the Avilla area on Dec. 26, 1940, where he grew up and graduated from Avilla High School in 1955. He was drafted into the U. S. Army in June 1958 and was honorably discharged May 28, 1960, from active duty. While serving 16 months in Europe Com-Z, he served as an inspector of wheeled and track vehicles for the Ordinance Co. and later as the Alert Training Supervisor until being discharged from active duty.

Mr. Helmkamp

On Aug. 27, 1960, he married Ann Marti at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville and she survives in Auburn.

After returning from the military he worked at Newnam and Lane foundries in Kendallville as paymaster, purchasing agent and personnel manager. During that time he earned an associate degree in accounting from International Business College in Fort Wayne. On Oct. 1, 1984, his family purchased the Chrysler Dealership in Auburn and operated the agency until retirement in February of 2001.

He has been a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn since 1984, where he served on the finance committee for many years. He was president of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce in 1988. He served on the board of the Auburn branch of The Hicksville Bank from December 1998 to the present. He was most proud of serving as District Deputy of the Knights of Columbus of the four northeast Indiana counties from July 1, 2004, to June 30, 2008. While serving as District Deputy he was instrumental in starting new Knights of Columbus councils in LaGrange and in Avilla, with a gain of 44 percent in membership in his district. He received the Star District Award three of the four years that he was District Deputy. He gained the status of Honorary Life Member in the 3rd Degree and also in the 4th Degree, and most recently served as Faithful Navigator of Mother Teresa Assembly of the 4th Degree. He was a charter member of The Kendallville Council and of the Auburn Council. He was a member of American Legion Post 202, Butler. He was a former member of the Auburn Lions Club, The Kendallville and Auburn Elks lodges and the Kendallville and Auburn Moose lodges. He served on the Sacred Heart Home Board of Directors for many years, and on the Chrysler Advertising Board of Directors.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Helmkamp of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Elaine and Mark Angermeier of Mooresville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Nancy (Bloom) Helmkamp of Auburn and Roger and Michelle (Speer) Helmkamp of Carmel; 10 Grandchildren, Marie (Kevin) Storm of St. Louis Mo., Joe Angermeier a student at the University of Southern Indiana at Evansville, Nick Angermeier, a student at Purdue University, Andrew Helmkamp, a student at Purdue University, Matthew Helmkamp of Auburn, Sarah Angermeier of Mooresville, Nathaniel Helmkamp of Auburn, John Angermeier of Mooresville, John Michael Helmkamp of Carmel and Lydia Helmkamp also of Carmel; two sisters, Mary (Don) Ley of Avilla and Joann Alfeld of Fort Wayne; and four brothers, Donald (Ellen) Helmkamp of LaGrange, Gerald (Jan) Helmkamp of Venice Fla., Richard (Connie) Helmkamp of Auburn and Paul (Karen) Helmkamp of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Robert.

Mass of Christian burial will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. with visiting one hour prior at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with the Rev. Derrick Sneyd officiating.

Visitation also will be Monday from 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. with recitation of the rosary to be held at 8:30 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main Street, Auburn.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to Masses at the church or to Gibault School Inc.

To sign the online guest book or to send a condolence, visit pinnington-mccomb.com.

Kathryn Maldeney

AUBURN — Kathryn Maldeney, 57, of Auburn, died Saturday, July 10, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Maldeney was a homemaker.

She was born March 7, 1953, in Fort Wayne, to Odell and Barbara (Goings) Renfrow. They preceded her in death.

Mrs. Maldeney

She married Tyrone R. Maldeney on Sept. 22, 1972, in St. Joe. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and his girlfriend, Tyrone Maldeney Jr. and Angie Harding of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Dustie and Adam Seiler of Auburn; three granddaughters; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Lynn and Helen Renfrow, Lloyd and Kathy Renfrow, Allen Renfrow, David and Sue Renfrow, and Terry and Karen Renfrow; six sisters and brothers-in-law, Sandra Kay Renfrow, Jannie Renfrow, Minnie Dady and Roy Tucker, Janice and Mike Strachan, Margaret Amstutz, and Julie and Rick Shaffer.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Calling will be Monday from 4-7 p.m. and Tuesday from 1-2 p.m. prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a scholarship fund established for her three granddaughters in care of Wells Fargo.

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Rose Devereau

SOUTH BEND — Rose Anne Devereau, 55, of South Bend and formerly of Garrett, died Wednesday, July 7, 2010, in Hospice House of St. Joseph County, South Bend, with her family at her side.

Mrs. Devereau had lived in South Bend since 1986, coming from Garrett. She had worked for Red Lobster in Mishawaka for 25 years. She was a member of the Catholic Church.

Rose loved her family, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and her many friends.

She was born Nov. 3, 1954, in Garrett to Garnel "Tom" Handshoe Sr. and Patricia (Trowbridge) Handshoe. On Aug. 25, 2001, in South Bend she married Richard J. "Rick" Devereau. He survives.

Also surviving are her mother and stepfather, Patricia and Bill Engle of Kendallville; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Garnel Handshoe Jr. and Michelle Handshoe of Garrett and George A. Brumbaugh II of Garrett; a sister and brother-in-law, Catherine (Brumbaugh) and Eric Keck of Kendallville; and two half-brothers, Marshall and Linda Brumbaugh of Garrett and Jeffrey Brumbaugh of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her father, a sister, Christina K. (Handshoe) See, her paternal grandparents, Crit and Maggie Handshoe, and her maternal grandparents, Jack and Thelma Trowbridge.

Mass of Christian burial will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 301 East Diamond Street, Kendallville, with Fr. James Stoyle officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville, where there will be a vigil for the deceased at 7 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

View a video tribute after Tuesday or condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Geraldine Heingartner

KENDALLVILLE — Geraldine M. Heingartner, 94, of Kendallville and formerly of Wolcottville died Sunday, July 11, 2010, in Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Heingartner

Mrs. Heingartner was a homemaker.

She and her husband were partners in Heingartner Dry Cleaning in downtown Fort Wayne. The business later moved to Five Points Dry Cleaners also in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Heingartner was a longtime member of the Lutheran church.

She was born Aug. 14, 1915, in Adrian, Mich., to Henry Richard and Mabelle L. (Jordan) Beck. She married George F. Heingartner on Nov. 6, 1933, in Elkhart. He preceded her in death on March 4, 1985.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia Lytal of California and Wayne Lytal of Fort Wayne and Donna and Paul Eugene Springer of Ashley; three sons and daughters-in-law, Marshal Dean and Hannelore Heingartner of Auburn, Daniel G. and Jane Heingartner of Wolcottville and Donald and Loretta Heingartner of Albion; 19 grandchildren; and 42 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, two sisters, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., with Pastor Susan Socha of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to services on Thursday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Meredith Owens

EDMOND, Okla. — Meredith (Davis) Owens died Monday, July 12, 2010, in Edmond, Okla.

She was the daughter of Chester and Ethel Davis.

She married Jack Owens in June of 1953.

She is survived by a daughter, Jo Ellen Geurts; two grandchildren, Megan and Michael; a sister; a brother; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, parents, sister and brother.

She was a former resident of Garrett.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Alice Henderson

WATERLOO — Alice May Henderson, 83, of Waterloo died Monday July 12, 2010, at her home.

She was born July 12, 1927, in Thayer County, Nebraska, to Henry and May (Knape) Willard. Her parents have preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death was her stepfather, Bill Sketchley; a son, Jim Henderson; a great-grandson, Noah Myers; and two brothers Charles and John Willard.

She worked at R.P. Wakefield in Waterloo for 21 years, retiring in 1989, and was a member of DeKalb County Church of Christ in Garrett.

She is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, June and Rick Evan off of Peralga, New Mexico, Dorothy Henderson of Waterloo and Theresa and Ethan Myers of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Lee and Jill Henderson of St. Louis, Missouri, and Ben and Pamela Henderson of Auburn; 12 grandchildren, Rick (Tina) Evan off, Sarah (Scott) Holman, Jodi Henderson, Jenny (Tony) Greene, Michael Henderson, Steffanie Myers, Brandy Myers, Hugh (Misti) Myers, Glen (Rebekah) Myers, Angie (Ryan) Webb, Allen Henderson and Adrianne Henderson; and 10 great-grandchildren, Ariel, Jasmine, Bailey, Alex, Curtis, Gabriel, Levi, Issac, Asher and Hunter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 17, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, Ind., with Ed McDowd officiating.

Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the DeKalb County Church of Christ, Garrett.

Margaret Dolan

GARRETT — Margaret D. Dolan, age 100, died at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was born May 5, 1910, in Garrett to James and Anna (Houser) Leeson. She married Richard L. Dolan on August 20, 1932, in Garrett and he died December 1, 1988.

She was a homemaker and 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a charter member of the Garrett Eagles Auxiliary.

She is survived by her daughter, Doris Howard of Garrett; and a grandson, Steven Howard of Garrett.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son in-law, Edward Howard; six brothers, Tom, Joe, Frank, Don, Sam and Fred Leeson; and a sister, Thelma Kooken.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, July 15, 2010, at Thomas Funeral Home 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. An Order of the Eastern Star service will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Graveside services will take place at 10 a.m. Friday, July 16, 2010, at Embrey Cemetery in Garrett with the Rev. Bill Haworth officiating.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

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Gena Steele

AUBURN — A memorial Mass for Gena (Graves) Steele will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn.

Mrs. Steele, 58, died July 2, 2010, in Oklahoma.

Memorials are to Gena Steele Memorial Fund, Sooner State Bank, 420 N.W. 32th St., New Castle, OK, 73065 for mission work overseas for education of children.

STAR
July 16 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Carl Wilmot

FORT WAYNE — Carl "Crazy Willy" Wilmot, 61, of Fort Wayne, passed away on Tuesday, July 13, 2010, at home.

Mr. Wilmot

He was born Oct. 28, 1948, in Fort Wayne to Ruth (Church) Wilmot of Auburn and the late Carlton R. Wilmot.

He was a Marine serving in Vietnam.

He was a member of American Legion and Outlaws supporter.

Surviving with his mother are sons, Jason Radke and Shaun Beiswanger; a daughter, Dawn Wixom; a godson, Mickey Gambler; and a grandson, Shawn Gambler.

Funeral services will be at noon Saturday, July 17, 2010, at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior.

Calling is also from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 16, 2010, at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Alton Cemetery, St. Joe, Ind.

Preferred memorials are to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission or Wounded Warriors.

Nancy Deardorf

AUBURN — Nancy Deardorf, 65, of Auburn, died Friday July 16, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Ms. Deardorf

Born October 13, 1944, in Auburn, she was the daughter of the late Wayne Thomas and Helen Wunderlin.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Cathy Deardorf of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and David Dillinger of Auburn and Cheryl and Larry Watson of Huntington; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Patty Sue and Ralph Aalders of Auburn and Jeri and Robert Farver of Ashley; a brother, James Thomas of Columbus, Ohio; her grandchildren, Matthew Dillinger, James Dillinger, Leticia Deardorf, Ciersten Deardorf, Leah Deardorf and Cendra Deardorf; her stepmother, Aranka Thomas of Fresno, Calif.; her stepsisters, RoseAnn and Byron Schutt of Auburn, Patricia and Jim Stillwell of New Haven, Barbara and Richard Schneider of Fort Wayne, Jean Makin of Fort Wayne, Mary and Robert Brown of Fort Wayne, Dolores and Mike Harper of Thornton, Colo., and Linda and David Bruce of Merced, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wayne D. Thomas and Helen Wunderlin; her stepfather, Donald Wunderlin Sr.; a stepsister, Carol Hill; and a stepbrother, Donald Wunderlin Jr.

Bonnie Henry

GARRETT — Bonnie L Henry, 72, of Garrett and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Friday, July 16, 2010, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Christian Union Cemetery on C.R. 7, Garrett.

Memorials are to the family.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the guest book, visit www.pinnington McComb.com

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service Tuesday and also Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, Newville, Ind.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

To sign the guest book, visit www.pinnington mccomb.com

Edna Lutes

AUBURN — Edna Berline (Weygand) Lutes, 101, passed away on Friday, July 16, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn, Ind.

Mrs. Lutes

Born in Nappanee, Ind., on June 19, 1909, she was a life long homemaker who enjoyed sewing, knitting and quilting.

She was a member of the Nappanee United Methodist Church.

She graduated from Nappanee High School as the salutatorian of the class of 1927.

She is survived by her daughter, Patricia (Eugene) Zahner of Auburn; three grandchildren, Beverly (Bill) Pazder of Fort Wayne, Craig (Mona) Zahner of Garrett and Regina (Glenn) Roon of Auburn; eight great-grandchildren, Eric and Jared Pazder, Corey, Chelsea, Jesse, Jacquelyne and Aubrey Zahner, and Glenn Roon; and three sisters-in-law, Violet Lutes, Joy Weygand and Velma Lutes.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Loren W. Lutes in 1986; her parents, Hubert and Ida Weygand; and her four brothers, Ray, Charles, Robert and James Weygand.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 20, 2010, at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St., Nappanee, IN, with calling one hour prior to the service.

Burial will be in Stony Point Cemetery, Nappanee.

Memorial contributions may be made to Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Barbara Staller

GARRETT — Barbara C. Staller, 56, of Garrett died Thursday, July 15, 2010, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Staller

She was born in Rochester, N.Y., on March 18, 1954, to William K. and Arlene (Wagstaff) Cotton. Her mother survives in Avon Lake, Ohio, and her father is deceased. She married Kerry Staller on Aug. 25, 1984, in Cincinnati, Ohio, and he survives.

Mrs. Staller was a home educator. She earned a bachelor's degree in education from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

She was a member of DASH and the Church of Garrett in Garrett.

Also surviving are six sons, Simeon S. Staller of Albuquerque, N.M., and Joshus A. Staller, Reuben J. Staller, Caleb M. Staller, Aaron C. Staller and Joel E. Staller, all at home in Garrett; her grandmother, Lola Lawrie of Barrie, Ontario; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Virginia C. and Jack Cramer of Avon Lake, Ohio, and Georgia D. Cotton of Denver, Colo.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Nathaniel Paul Staller.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Tom Wilcoxson officiating.

Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Victor Wise

FORT WAYNE — Victor A. Wise, 57, of Fort Wayne passed away on Wednesday, July 14, 2010.

Born in Hammond, Indiana, he graduated from Fremont High School, attended Indiana University and received a bachelor's degree from Huntington College. He also received a Juris Doctorate from Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

Mr. Wise

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

After 22 years of service, Victor retired from the Fort Wayne Police Department and was currently employed with Earth First Services.

Surviving are his wife of 39 years, Carla A. (Feller) Wise of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and Joe Zimmerman of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Hadley Zimmerman and Michael Zimmerman, both of Fort Wayne; two brothers and a sister-in-law, David and Michele Wise of Ocala, Fla., and Jan Wise of Peoria, Ariz.; and seven sisters and brothers-in-law, Lois Lute of Ocala, Fla., Phyllis and Chuck Eddins of Louisville, Ky., Mary Wise of Phoenix, Ariz., Sarah Misdom of Lansing, Ill., Martha and Luke Carrabine of Surprise, Ariz., Catherine and Jack O'Conner of Lansing, Ill., and Betty and Jim Szala of Schererville, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hershel M. and Arneta A. Wise; a sister, Janet Schneider; a nephew, Jack O'Conner; and brothers-in-law, Leonard Lute, Charles Schneider and Theodore Misdom.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Robert Craig officiating. Burial will take place in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be directed to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1126 Barr St., Ft. Wayne.

Julius Hicks

KENDALLVILLE — Julis Ray Hicks, age 61, of Kendallville, died Friday, July 16, 2010, at his home with his family around him.

Mr. Hicks

Mr. Hicks was born in Corretta, West Virginia, on January 6, 1949, to the late Richard and Maggie (Brewster) Hicks.

He served his country in the United States Army and he was stationed in Germany earning the National Defense Service Medal.

He was employed for 31 years with Cooper Tire and Rubber in Auburn from 1968-2000.

Julis was a dedicated father and papaw.

He was a member and deacon of the Bethel Christian Baptist Church in Kendallville.

Julis loved to go fishing and listen to bluegrass music.

Survivors include a son, Michael Hicks of Kendallville; a daughter, Tina and Chad Brown of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Dallas and Dylan Downam and Kali Jo and Joshua Brown; two brothers, David and Geneva Hicks of Brimfield and Ralph and Rita Hicks of Roanoke; three sisters, Evelyn and David Scott of Kendallville, Shelby and Walt Pogue of Kendallville and Alma Scott of War, West Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Carl Hicks in 2003, and his sister, Masie Hicks in 1970.

Visitation will be Sunday, July 18, 2010, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Bethel Christian Baptist Church, west of Kendallville at the corner of U.S. 6 and S.R. 9.

Funeral services will be Monday, July 19, 2010, at noon at Bethel Christian Baptist Church, with an hour of calling before the funeral service.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Shawn Shepherd.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Memorials may be made to family.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

View a video tribute by Sunday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com or find us on Facebook.com

July 18 2010 Auburn, Indiana

'Uncle Lou' was an Angola fixture

BY JIM SHILANDER
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ANGOLA — Lowellon "Lou" Myers was a ubiquitous presence in Angola for more than 30 years.

Myers, who owned service stations across the city for more than three decades, passed away Saturday, July 10, in Angola. He was 74.

Myers' wife, Sandra, said her husband worked for 10 years at a Shell station along the Indiana Toll Road, before that station went out of business. After that, Myers struck out on his own, she said, opening a Sunoco station on North Wayne Street. That station was the first of several owned by Myers in the city, including a station near what is now Trine University and another on East Maumee Street. Sandra said her husband loved the service aspect of his job.

"He was a real people person," Sandra said. "He was 'Uncle Lou' to everybody. Probably a lot of people have stories."

Sandra said the two of them getting together wasn't something someone might have expected. The two met while both were in high school, Myers at Scott Center, Sandra at Angola.

"I couldn't stand him, not when I first met him," she said, laughing. "I really don't know why. I went with him once, and then I said I wouldn't again."

A couple years later, 1955, the two got together again. Lou had graduated from high school and was working. Sandra said that this time, things were different.

"I think we both had changed from the first time we'd gone out," she said. The two were married in 1956, after Sandra graduated.

She noted that while her husband worked very hard, he'd always make time for her and his children at the end of every day.

"They'd have ponies, he'd spend a weekend building a tree-house," she said. "He really enjoyed people."

Son Michael said his father was definitely a generous spirit who always had stories to tell.

"He'd have cute little sayings or jokes out on the marquee," he noted. "And he'd always have a story to tell someone. Some were off-color, some weren't."

Michael also remembered that his father would have suckers out for kids at the station. Sometimes, he said, they weren't just for kids.

"Whenever he'd be on the road and get stuck in traffic because of construction, you could always tell where Dad was, because the road workers would have suckers. Mom would always say she knew exactly where Dad was because of the suckers the road workers had," he said.

Sandra said her husband would often do the same thing with bubble gum, as well. He'd also keep sugar cubes in his pockets for the children's ponies and horses, she noted, and all of them would come running toward him when he came into view, expecting a treat.

In addition to his work at the service stations, Myers worked as a reserve officer for the Steuben County Sheriff's Department. He served as both a work-release officer and as the department's transportation officer before retiring in 2003.

"He was one of those guys who always had a smile on his face, a typical good guy," Chief Deputy Kevin Kane said. As transportation officer, Myers was responsible for picking up or driving prisoners to court dates, doctor visits or other events. "He always had a joke, or a word of encouragement," Kane said. "It was always fun to be around him."

Michael remembered one night where Myers' two worlds came together.

"About midnight or 1 a.m. he got a call from the sheriff's department," Michael said. "They told him, 'You've been robbed.' So he went down to the sheriff's department, and they tell him they've got the crime solved. The guy who'd been working there that night had taken the money out of the register, put it in a bag and walked behind the store to put it in a tree. He then walked back to the store and hit himself on the head with a tire iron, to make it look like a robbery. When the deputies showed up, they noticed the tracks in the snow and arrested him."

In addition to his work at the sheriff's department, Myers also served for a time as the county's Civil Defense director, including during the 1978 blizzard.

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Lou Myers was a fixture around Angola for decades as owner of several service stations in various locations around the city. Myers also served as a reserve officer with the Steuben County Sheriff's Department, serving as an officer in transportation and work release.

Laura Ernst

DAYTON, Ohio — Laura M. Ernst, 88, passed away Thursday, July 15, 2010, at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton.

Born in Auburn, Laura worked as a factory worker with Sheller Globe for 22 years, retiring in 1988. She attended Auburn High School, Class of 1940, and was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church.

Laura was a devoted wife, loving mother and grandmother who was active in 4-H and with Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts and was a volunteer at St. Vincent dePaul Cafeteria.

Mrs. Ernst

She is survived by a daughter, Doris Ernst, Riverside, Ohio; son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Vicki Ernst of Markleville; three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; a brother, James Johnston; and a sister, Anna Kura, both of Auburn.

Laura was preceded in death by her parents, Harry Munson and Ona Johnston; her husband, Clovis F. Ernst; a sister, Othilda Gibson; and a brother, Jerry Johnston.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne with Msgr. John Kuzmich officiating, with calling 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Additional calling will be at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, Monday between 4-8 p.m., with a vigil to be held at 4:30 p.m. Burial in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be made to St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church for Masses. To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information.*

Edna Lutes

AUBURN — Edna Berline (Weygand) Lutes, 101, passed away on Friday, July 16, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn, Ind.

Born in Nappanee, Ind., on June 19, 1909, she was a lifelong homemaker who enjoyed sewing, knitting and quilting.

Mrs. Lutes

She was a member of the Nappanee United Methodist Church.

She graduated from Nappanee High School as the salutatorian of the class of 1927.

She is survived by her daughter, Patricia (Eugene) Zahner of Auburn; three grandchildren, Beverly (Bill) Pazder of Fort Wayne, Craig (Mona) Zahner of Garrett and Regina (Glenn) Roon of Auburn; eight great-grandchildren, Eric and Jared Pazder, Corey, Chelsea, Jesse, Jacquelyne and Aubrey Zahner, and Glenn Roon; and three sisters-in-law, Violet Lutes, Joy Weygand and Velma Weygand.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Loren W. Lutes in 1986; her parents, Hubert and Ida Weygand; and her four brothers, Ray, Charles, Robert and James Weygand.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 20, 2010, at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St., Nappanee, IN, with calling one hour prior to the service.

Burial will be in Stony Point Cemetery, Nappanee.

Memorial contributions may be made to Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mabel Ketel

WHITEHOUSE, Ohio — Mabel M. Ketel, 102, of Whitehouse, Ohio, formerly of Auburn, died Friday July 16, 2010, at Whitehouse Country Manor.

Born May 12, 1908, in Fulton, she was the daughter of the late Nathan and Ada Julian. She married Charles W. Ketel on April 16, 1929, in Wauseon, Ohio.

Mrs. Ketel

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn and a past active member of the former Auburn No. 103 Eastern Star from which she received a 75 year pin. Her interests during her life included sewing, crocheting and enjoyment received as she taught others the broomstick lace stitch.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Robert Ratliff of Whitehouse, Ohio; grandsons, David (Debbie) Oster, Michael (Valerie) Oster and Kevin Ratliff; great-grandchildren, Gabby, Olivia, Sophia and Keegan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles W. Ketel, in 1983, and a son, John Ketel.

Funeral service is Monday at 2 p.m. with calling two hours prior at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main Street, Auburn. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

Memorials to First United Methodist Church.

To sign the online guest book or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

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Gloria Howard

KENDALLVILLE — Gloria Jean Howard, 69, of Kendallville died on Saturday, July 17, 2010, at her residence.

Mrs. Howard was born in Grand Rapids, Mich. on February 13, 1941, to the late Emmanuel and Marie R. (Shull) Christlieb.

Mrs. Howard

She was employed in the past with Ligonier Rubber and Essex Wire in Ligonier and King Seely in Kendallville.

Survivors include three daughters, Knoha and Earl Andrews of Kendallville, Knitta and Kevin Carter of Albion and Tonya Marie Howard and her companion, Mike Boscynski, both of Sebring, Fla.; a son, Donald and Deb Howard of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Justin, Matthew, Zackary, and Candace; a brother, Herb and Grace Christlieb of Lisbon; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services and burial will be Tuesday, July 20, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn. Officiating the funeral service will be Brother Bud Owen from the Church of Christ in Garrett.

Funeral arrangements are in the care of Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com or Find Us On Facebook.com

Nina Wilmot

GARRETT — Nina M. Wilmot, 87, of Garrett died at 9:35 p.m. Sunday, July 18, 2010.

Mrs. Wilmot

Mrs. Wilmot served as the secretary for the First Church of Christ in Garrett, where she was a member, for more than 50 years. She was also a member of the Garrett Heritage Festival Committee.

She was born March 31, 1923, in Garrett to Ralph R. and Mary S. (Jones) Childers and they preceded her in death. She married Durward R. Wilmot on July 27, 1947, in Garrett and he died Aug. 29, 1990.

She is survived by a son and daughter in-law, Steven and Becki Wilmot of Edgerton, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Gary Rice of Garrett; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a brother, Merle Childers of Tempe, Ariz.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, George, Roy and Bob Childers.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett and from 9-10 a.m. Thursday at the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the First Church of Christ with Pastor Steven Wilmot and Brother Bud Owen of the First Church of Christ officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

You may send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Jennifer Trevino

AUBURN — Jennifer Lyn Trevino, 37, passed away Wednesday, July 14, 2010, in Norman, Okla.

She was born Sept 4, 1972, in Auburn, Ind., to Clyde and Sally (Shafer) Kelly.

Jenny is survived by her children, Abigail Elizabeth Trevino and Dominick Scott Trevino of Edmond; her parents, Sally and Clyde of Auburn, Ind.; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Scott and Nicole Smith of Auburn and Michael and Kimberly Smith of Waterloo, Ind., and her ex-husband, Michael Trevino of Edmond, Okla.

She also leaves three nephews in Indiana and uncle and aunts, Jack and Michele Shafer of Omaha, Neb., and Judy Roisland of Coldwater, Mich.; and her dearest friend, Mandy Gibson of Columbus, Ohio.

Jennifer was preceded in death by her grandparents, Gladys Shafer, Lee Shafer and Mary Strobel.

Jenny graduated from Urbana High school, class of 1991, Urbana, Ohio, and the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, with a degree in nursing. She was a RN and employed as a Care Management Supervisor with the state of Oklahoma Health Care Authority. She was also a captain with 16 years of service in the United States Air Force and Air Force Reserves in Unit 507th at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. City Medical Squadron.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 24, 2010, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, Ind., with the Rev. Paul Burris officiating. Jenny will be laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn, Ind.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be given to the Trevino Family Trust for her children, Abigail and Dominick.

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James Martin

CARRETT — James A. Martin, 74, of Garrett died Tuesday, July 13, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

There will be no services.

Arrangements are by Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

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Neal Emerick

AUBURN — Neal A. Emerick, 84, died Thursday, July 22, 2010, at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Emerick worked for Butler & Butler Construction.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army serving in the Philippines.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Kendallville.

He was born on Oct. 19, 1925, in Stroh, to Alva and Flossie (McCoush) Emerick.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Donna and George Arnold of Fort Wayne, and Ruth Judge of Fort Wayne; a sister, Virginia Neighbors of South Bend; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Viva (Christlieb) Emerick; his second wife, Rina (Taylor) Emerick; a sister, Marjorie Smith; two brothers, Sebra Emerick and Ernest Emerick; a half sister, Florene Palmer; and a half brother, George Hess.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery, Huntertown.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Monday prior to the funeral service.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

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WAVE blazed trail for women

BY SUE CARPENTER
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GARRETT —American flags flew over dozens of headstones in Christian Union Cemetery on June 2.

It was only fitting that Buelta (Fenstermaker) Anderson, 85, be laid to rest amid the field of red, white and blue shortly after Memorial Day.

The World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy died May 28 in her Garrett home.

Although she rarely spoke of her years in the service, it was no secret that she was among a group of women who worked behind the scenes to crack codes for naval intelligence.

Buelta Fenstermaker enjoyed playing in the band at Garrett High School, and was a drum major her junior and senior years. Shortly after graduation in 1942, she worked for General Electric in Fort Wayne, building airplane engines on the assembly line.

It was that summer that President Franklin Roosevelt signed into law a bill to form the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES). The 25th member of her high school class to join the military, Buelta was among 12 area women sworn into the WAVES in Fort Wayne about a year later.

"She wanted to go into the service, and her dad (Arna Fenstermaker) signed the papers to go in the service," said Buelta's daughter, Tammy Bowman of Garrett. "At that time, many area women were going into the service."

Recruitment needed to be managed, because so many women were interested in joining the WAVES. More than 27,000 recruits reportedly were fitted for the specially designed, navy-blue woolen uniforms during its first year.

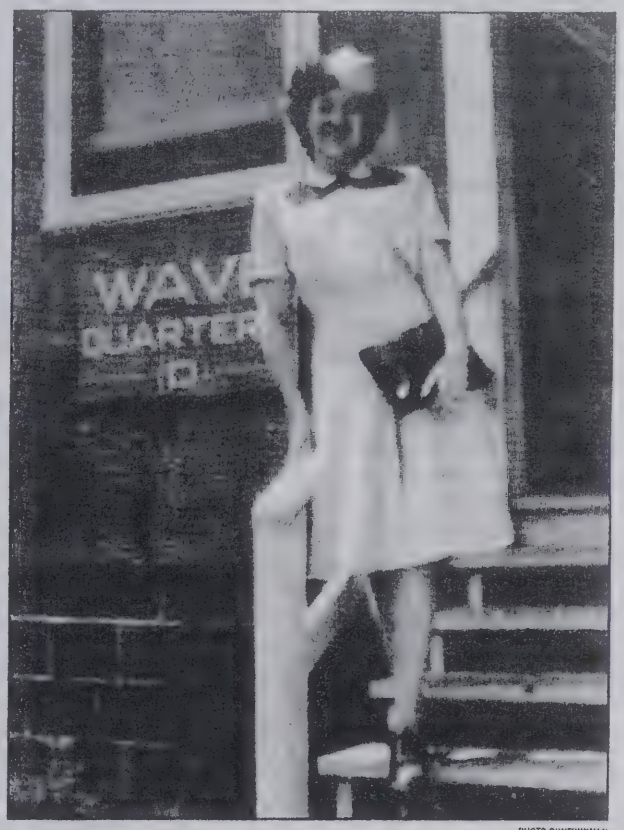
Buelta left her GE job and took a train that November for the Hunter College in the New York borough of the Bronx. The college facility provided basic training for Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard women recruits.

She was stationed in Washington, D.C., after basic training, where she worked in a communications office. It was in these offices that Buelta and other WAVES worked on deciphering series of numerical codes important to the defense of the United States.

"They used a computer as big as this house," Bowman said. "And they were working with numbers. They decoded documents, but we never told what they were.

"(Buelta) was sworn to a code of silence, and she took it to her grave," she added. "All mom said was they worked with numbers."

Buelta and her coworkers wouldn't know when they broke a code until commanders came in and gave them a commendation. "I think it had to do with the Pacific," said Bowman. Others in her group also received citations.



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U.S. Navy WAVE Buelta Fenstermaker Anderson outside Quarters D in Washington, D.C.

When she returned to Garrett in 1946, Buelta married classmate Paul Anderson, who was a tailgunner in the U.S. Air Corps. The couple had four children, including son Mike, a U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam War, who also lives in Garrett. The couple also had two sons who preceded her in death, Mark and Martin Anderson.

Three representatives from the U.S. Navy — two men and a female officer — were present for Buelta's graveside military honors.

"I was just floored," Bowman said of the Navy representatives. "I was hoping (they would be there).

Buelta's casket was draped with the American flag, as members of the Garrett American Legion post offered a military salute.

"It was Memorial Day weekend, and it was very pretty — the cemetery full of flags," said granddaughter Brea Anderson Liddell. "I think she would have really liked that, and the Navy officers, especially the woman.

"(Buelta) was very, very proud of what she was involved with the service — and the whole evolution of women becoming involved in World War II. She was very proud of the fact that she was one of the frontrunners on that," Liddell said.

"My mother was a trailblazer, like most of the women of that time," Bowman said. "Thanks to all of them, women today have more opportunities and choices than ever before.

"Every time I meet a woman veteran, I thank her for what they have done for our country and for what they have done for women."

During her two-year stint in Washington, D.C., Buelta and her Navy friends often took the train to New York City. They took the train everywhere, Bowman said. "Oh, they had lots of fun!"

She and her friends always wanted to see the Radio City Hall Rockettes, but it was too expensive to go on the salaries they earned as WAVES. Her daughter recalls having to watch every time the Rockettes were on television.

"When the Rockettes came to Fort Wayne last November, I took her," Bowman said. "(Mom) was just beside herself. We had wonderful seats — it was something she wanted to do all her life. Afterward, I was so glad I did it. She was a young lady (again) that whole night."

Grant Critney

AUBURN — Grant "Dale" Critney, 84, of Auburn died Friday, July 23, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Critney worked for Indiana Bell in Auburn, retiring in 1982.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo, a 20-year member of the Boy Scouts, and also served as Scout Master. He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 566 in Auburn.

On July 5, 1926, in Edinburgh, Ind., he was born to Francis J. and Margaret M. (Anderson) Critney. He married Willene Rapp on Nov. 5, 1949, in Warsaw. She preceded him in death on Nov. 11, 2007.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Catherine J. and Garold "Wayne" Kessler of Auburn, and Elizabeth A. Treesh of Waterloo; four grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Francis J. Critney Jr. and Florence Critney of Columbus, Ind., and Robert R. and Ruth Critney of Tucson, Ariz.; and three sisters and brothers-in-law, Dorothy M. and Roy Farr of Edinburgh, Ind., Patricia M. Foster of Charleston, S.C., and Alice and Robert Reeves of Columbus, Ind.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; three bothers, Alford Critney, Johnny Critney and Anthony Critney; and a sister, Theresa Critney.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Fr. David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Michael's Catholic Church or DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice.

Man dies in mobile home fire

BY BOB BRALEY
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LAKE OF THE WOODS — A man and his dog died in a mobile home fire early Sunday near the LaGrange-Steuben county line, according to the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department.

Kirk F. Perrine, 49, died in the fire at 11990 E. C.R. 650S, Lot 2. The location is in the Lake of the Woods area and has a Hudson mailing address.

Police were notified of the fire at about 4:24 a.m. Occupants of the mobile home awoke to find it full of smoke and partially engulfed in fire. Three occupants escaped without injury. Perine and his dog were asleep in a rear bedroom, where investigators believe the fire originated, and did not escape the blaze.

The fire is still under investigation, but deputies said there is no suspicion or evidence of foul play. An autopsy will be performed on Perrine, and it could be done as early as today, officials said.

The mobile home was a total loss.

Responding agencies included the Helmer, Stroh, Salem, Mongo and Johnson Township fire departments, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, the LaGrange County Coroner's Office and LaGrange County EMS.

BOB BRALEY

This mobile home near Lake of the Woods burned early Sunday, leading to the death of resident Kirk F. Perrine and his dog.

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Kimberly Costin

GARRETT — Kimberly Dawn Costin, 43, of Garrett died at 8:30 p.m. Monday, July 26, 2010, at her home.

Mrs. Costin

Mrs. Costin had worked as a teacher's aide at St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

She was born Jan. 27, 1967, in Auburn to Marion and Sharon (Curtland) Zeigler and they survive in Garrett. She married Peter J. Costin on Feb. 14, 1987, in Auburn and he survives in Garrett.

She is also survived by two daughters, Jessica and Rachel Costin of Garrett; a son: Andrew Costin of Garrett; a brother, Alan Zeigler of Garrett; a sister, Lorie Weichart of Garrett; and her father-in-law and mother-in-law, John and Diane Costin, of Garrett.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 12:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett. Officiating will be Father Andrew Nazareth.

Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery in Avilla, Ind.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School.

You may send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Barbara Huston

SKINNER LAKE — Barbara Ann Lynch-Garwood Huston, 67, of Skinner Lake near Albion died Sunday, July 25, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Huston was a graduate of Cherokee High School in Oklahoma.

She was a bookkeeper and office manager for United Brake Systems for 15 years. She had also worked in Garrett at MTA School and at Reinassance and Key Windows in Auburn. She retired in 2005.

She was born March 23, 1943, in Holdenville, Okla., to Paul Kemper and Vera Ruth (Bridgewater) Lynch. Her mother, Vera Ruth Garwood, survives in Blackwell, Okla., and her father, Paul Kemper Lynch, is deceased.

She married Claude "Sonny" Huston on April 1, 1972. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Christina "Trina" Lee of Garrett; a granddaughter, Claudea Lee of Garrett; a brother and sister-in-law, Ken and Sue Garwood, of Blackwell, Okla.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Linda Mosgrove of Blackwell, Okla., and Karen and Vern Ruberson of Peoria, Ill.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her stepfather, Vernon Garwood.

Midwest Funeral Home & Cremation Society in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Betty Custer

GARRETT — Betty M. Custer age 85 of Garrett, Ind., died at 12:50 p.m. Monday, July 26, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, Ind.

Mrs. Custer

She was born October 31, 1924, in Ashley, Ind., to Clifford L. and Edna K. (Sherwood) Baird and they preceded her in death. She married Finley J. Custer on October 19, 1957, in Waterloo, Ind., and he died December 29, 2004.

Betty worked as a bookkeeper for Dr. Eberhard and at Custer Grain from 1977-1984.

Betty is survived by a daughter and son in-law, Sandra and Richard Bond, Garrett, Ind.; a son, Jerald H. Gnagy Jr. of Boulder, Colo; her grandchildren, Tara Maggert of Indianapolis, Ind., and Ty and Robin Maggert of Garrett, Ind.; and a great-granddaughter, Macy Maggert of Garrett.

Betty is also survived by a stepgranddaughter, Jodi Bond, Phoenix, Ariz.; and by her brother, Buddy L. Baird of Butler, Ind., and her sister, Roma L. Baker of Auburn, Ind.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Finley J. Custer; two brothers, Charles Baird and Richard Baird; her half sister, Dorothy Southern; and a grandson, Alexander Heath Gnagy.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, July 29, 2010, at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, Ind.

Services will take place at 10 a.m. Friday, July 30, 2010, at Thomas Funeral Home with Tom Novy officiating.

Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn, Ind.

The family asked that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Garrett American Legion or the Garrett Historical Society.

You may send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Man dies from gunshot

Auburn man shoots self after trooper pulls him over

FROM STAFF REPORTS

FORT WAYNE — An Auburn man died from a gunshot wound Tuesday at 6:32 p.m., after shooting himself early Tuesday morning when he was stopped by an Indiana State Police Trooper, state police said.

Trenton James Stuller, 24, died at Parkview Hospital, where he survived for some 16 hours after he arrived in critical condition, police said.

After the incident, police searched Stuller's car and found a methamphetamine lab under the front seat, a news release said.

State police detective Mark Heffelfinger said that at approximately 2:20 a.m. Tuesday, Trooper Caleb Anderson made a traffic stop of Stuller's car at Maplecrest and Stellhorn roads in northeast Fort Wayne for an equipment violation. Stuller pulled his 1995 Dodge Intrepid into the parking lot of a Walgreen's store at the northwest corner of the intersection.

While talking with Stuller, Anderson noticed that Stuller had handed him an identification card for someone other than Stuller, police said. When the trooper asked Stuller to step out of the vehicle, Stuller leaned over, grabbed a handgun from under his right leg and shot himself in the head. Anderson immediately called for assistance from police and medical personnel.

Stuller

GUNSHOT: *Meth lab in car was in plastic bottle*

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Heffelfinger said Stuller used a .32 caliber semi-automatic handgun, which he did not have a permit to carry.

The trooper was not injured in the incident. Indiana State Police were assisted by Fort Wayne police and fire departments.

Heffelfinger said the methamphetamine lab inside Stuller's car was contained in a one-liter plastic bottle, used in the "one-pot" method of manufacturing the illegal drug.

Court records show that Steuben County had issued a warrant for Stuller's arrest for allegedly failing to appear in court on charges of possession of methamphetamine.

Stuller's warrant was listed on the web site indianasmostwanted.com. The site described Stuller as 6 feet tall, weighing 160 pounds with blond hair and blue eyes. DeKalb County court records list his address as Helen Avenue on the southwest side of Auburn.

On Jan. 8, the Waterloo Marshal's Department arrested Stuller on charges of dealing in methamphetamine, a Class A felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Class A felony; possession of chemical reagents or precursors with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, a Class C felony; and possession of paraphernalia, a Class A misdemeanor. Waterloo officers said they found Stuller while investigating a strong chemical odor from an apartment in the 1100 block of South Wayne Street, where they found two "one-pot" reactors "cooking" meth. They also reported finding precursors for making meth, paraphernalia and finished meth in plain view. Police said no one was living in the apartment, which appeared to be used only to make meth.

However, DeKalb County authorities dismissed the Waterloo charges against Stuller on March 3, according to court records. A file entry said the dismissal was due to "prosecutorial discretion and additional investigation." The charges were dismissed "without prejudice," which means they could have been filed again later.

AN EARLY VERSION *of this story was posted online at dekalbstar.com at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday.*

Herman Smith

BRIMFIELD — Herman Smith, age 83, of Brimfield, died on Wednesday, July 28, 2010, at North Ridge Village Nursing & Rehab Center in Albion.

Mr. Smith was born in Anco, Kentucky, on June 16, 1927, to Samuel and Bertha (Robertson) Smith.

Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith

He proudly served his country in the United States Army during WWII in the MP Co. 7th Infantry Division. He was also in the Glider Infantry Regiment. He served in the the George Washington Troop honor guard in Berlin after WWII. He was awarded the WWII Victory ribbon and WWII Occupation of Japan and Germany medals.

Herman was a life member of the VFW Post 2749 of Kendallville and the Rome City American Legion Post 381 and was a very dedicated member of the Military Funeral Honor Guard.

He married Geneva (Barnett) Smith in October 1950 in Kentucky and she preceded his death in 1978.

Herman retired as a general foreman and coremaker with Kendallville Foundry in 1982.

Herman loved to play and listen to the fiddle and violin. He enjoyed bluegrass music, square dancing, playing cards, and gardening. He also loved to hunt mushrooms and deer hunting. Herman was an avid private pilot and often talked about his flying days. He also played the game of golf very well.

He was always up to the challenge from his "out-of-town" golf buddies and seldom lost a round!

Survivors include three sons and two daughters-in-law, Jim and Marie Smith of Witmer Lake near Wolcottville, Mike and Gloria Smith of Berne, Indiana, and Wayne Smith of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jeannine and David Criswell of Auburn and Debb and Jim Ebersole of Indianapolis; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and five brothers and four sisters-in-law, Hargis and Grace Smith of Wawaka, Herbert and Nancy Smith of San Diego, California, Hobert and Lorraine Smith of China Grove, North Carolina, Howard and Juanita Smith of Salisbury, North Carolina, and Homer Smith of Wolf Lake, Indiana.

He was also preceded in death by his grandson, Tyler Criswell in 2005; his brother, Harold Smith; and an infant sister.

Visitation will be Friday, July 30, 2010, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, July 31, 2010, at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Omer Nisley.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Casketbearers will be his grandsons, John Lehman Jr Shaun Lehman, David Criswell in honor of his late grandson, Tyler Criswell, Matthew Smith, Andrew Smith and Mark Smith.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com or on Facebook.com

Trenton Stuller

AUBURN — Trenton James Stuller, 24, of Auburn died Tuesday, July 27, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 20, 1985, in Auburn. His father, James V. Stuller, has preceded him in death, and his mother, Beth Walters, survives in Auburn.

He is also survived by two sons and a daughter, Kaiden Stuller, Aubrey Stuller and Liam Stuller; two brothers, Scott (Bridget) Stuller of Waterloo and Nathan Stuller of Auburn; his grandmother, Janet Walters of Auburn; and his grandfather, Bill Walters of Auburn.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., in Waterloo.

A private family memorial service will be held Saturday morning at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the DeKalb County DARE program.

Barbara Huston

SKINNER LAKE — Barbara Ann Lynch-Garwood Huston, 67, of Skinner Lake near Albion died Sunday, July 25, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Huston was a graduate of Cherokee High School in Oklahoma.

She was a bookkeeper and office manager for United Brake Systems for 15 years. She had also worked in Garrett at MTA School and at Reinassance and Key Windows in Auburn. She retired in 2005.

She was born March 23, 1943, in Holdenville, Okla., to Paul Kemper and Vera Ruth (Bridgewater) Lynch. Her mother, Vera Ruth Garwood, survives in Blackwell, Okla., and her father, Paul Kemper Lynch, is deceased.

She married Claude "Sonny" Huston on April 1, 1972. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Christina "Tina" Lee of Garrett; a granddaughter, Claudea Lee of Garrett; a brother and sister-in-law, Ken and Sue Garwood, of Blackwell, Okla.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Linda Mosgrove of Blackwell, Okla., and Karen and Vern Ruberson of Peoria, Ariz.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her stepfather, Vernon Garwood.

A memorial service will be Saturday, Aug. 7, at 6 p.m. at the First Church of Christ, 213 E. King St., Garrett, with Brother Bud Owen officiating.

Calling will be from 4-6 p.m. prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Midwest Funeral Home & Cremation Society in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Gail Herron

CHURUBUSCO — Gail L. Herron, 70, of Churubusco, died Monday, July 26, 2010 at home.

Herron

Born January 1, 1940, in Allen County, she was the daughter of Edward and Louise Stoops.

She was a 1958 graduate of Huntertown High School.

On August 2, 1958, she married Donald R. Herron at Churubusco United Methodist Church.

She was a 4-H leader for the handicapped, a member of Morning Glories Bowling League and honorary member of Beta Sigma Phi.

She was employed at Sears Glenbrook for over 30 years.

She is survived by her husband Donald R. Herron of Churubusco; her children, Donald R. Herron Jr. of Churubusco, Anthony E. (Lea Ann) Herron of Churubusco and Nicholas D. (Lisa) Herron of Auburn; her sisters, Elaine (Ron) Renkenberger of LaOtto, Alma DeVore of Wabash and Mary Helen Wheeler of Eaton, Ohio; her brothers, Edward Stoops Jr. of Missouri and David (Kathy) Stoops of Butler; her grandchildren, Kelly (Mathew) Haber of Churubusco, Amy Herron of Churubusco, Nancy Herron and her fiance Cody Gordon of Churubusco, Anthony Herron Jr. of Churubusco, Kaleb Herron of Auburn and Emily Herron of Auburn; her great-grandchild, Claire Haber of Churubusco; her beloved friend, Linda (Mac) Millington; special friends, Rebecca Herron-Whitman, Sharon Meitz and her co-workers at Sears; other relatives; a brother-in-law, James Herron of Churubusco; a sister-in-law, Sandra Speakman of Churubusco; several nieces and nephews; and countless friends.

A celebration of life service will be held Sunday, August 1, 2010, from 4-6 p.m. at Blue Lake Community Center, 7490 East 550 North, Churubusco, with a short service to follow at 6 p.m.

The family requests happy memories and fun times shared in lieu of flowers and tears.

Memorials may be directed to Churubusco Youth League Girls Softball Program or DeKalb High School Show choir. Arrangements are by Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, 206 N. Main St., Churubusco.

Lynn Hagewood

ANGOLA — Lynn Fredric Hagewood, 73, of Angola died Wednesday, July 28, 2010, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Hagewood had been vice president of manufacturing for No-Sag Spring Co. in Kendallville, retiring after 42 years of service.

He had attended Lake Missionary Church in Angola.

He was born Oct. 21, 1936, in Angola to Carney Hagewood and Bessie Horn Hagewood Moss. He married Elaine Cotman on June 28, 1958. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are his stepfather, Clarence Moss; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Mike Hagewood of Fremont, Mark and Taneeka Hagewood of Wolcottville and Mitch and Michelle Hagewood of Orland; five daughters and three sons-in-law, Debbie Hagewood of Waterloo, Kim and Ed Messick of Pepperell, Mass., Libby Smoker of LaGrange, Stacy and Brett Smith of Angola and Heather and Derek Carlson of Avon, Ind.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Ronald and Linda Hagewood of Auburn, Larry and Betty Hagewood fo Garrett and Norman and Carol Hagewood of Fremont; 15 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded by his father, mother and a great-grandson, Riley Carlson.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Lake Missionary Church in Angola with Pastor Lance Witham officiating.

Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to the family in care of Elaine Hagewood.

Arrangements are by Weight Funeral Home.

Go to www.weichtfh.com to sign a guestbook.

Thomas Alexander

SOUTH BEND — Thomas A. Alexander, age 58, of South Bend, Indiana, passed away at his residence at 10:38 p.m. Monday, July 26, 2010.

Tom was born July 12, 1952, in Auburn, Indiana, to the late Fred and Madonna (Davis) Alexander.

Surviving are his daughters, Karen Gorlewski and her husband, Eric, of Elsmere, Kentucky, and Amy Alexander of Celebration, Florida. Tom is also survived by his granddaughter, Danica Gorlewski, and his siblings, Sonya

Cameron, Lynn Kaiser and her husband, Tony, Ann Vose and her husband, Phil,

all of Butler, and Alan Alexander and his wife, Rita, of Hamilton.

Friends may call from 9-10:45 a.m. Saturday, July 31, 2010, at the First United Methodist Church in Mishawaka, where Masonic services for Tom will be held at 10:45 a.m., with a memorial service to follow at 11 a.m.

Tom graduated from Mishawaka High School in 1970, and earned his bachelor's degree from Butler University in 1975, where he was a member of the Phi Delta Chi fraternity.

He was employed for many years as a research pharmacist with the Perrigo Company of Allegan, Michigan.

In his spare time, he enjoyed figure skating as well as coaching the Special Olympians in the sport. Tom was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Mishawaka Masonic Lodge 130. He had also attended First United Methodist Church in Mishawaka

In his memory, contributions may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, or the Special Olympics.

To sign the online guest register, or leave condolences, visit www.chapelhillmemorial.com

Kirk Perrine

HUDSON — Kirk Fenton Perrine of Hudson, Ind., died on July 25, 2010, from injuries in a fire at his home. His beloved dog, Katie Kay, also died in the fire.

Mr. Perrine

Kirk, age 49, was the youngest of seven children. He graduated from North Side High School in 1980.

His passions were playing guitar, motor cycling and fishing but, most of all, spending time with his family and friends.

Kirk devoted several years of his life to taking care of his parents when they became ill and he will always be remembered by his family and friends for his huge heart and sentimental character.

Kirk is survived by his wife, Lauren Perrine, also of Hudson; his daughter, Brandi (Lenny) DeYoung of Columbia City, Ind.; three stepchildren, Krystle (Jessy) Shockney, Mike Carunchia and Nick Carunchia, all from Muncie, Ind.; and four brothers and two sisters, Michael (Sandy) Perrine of Leesville, S.C., Richard (Tanya) Perrine of Seabrook Island, S.C., Vanette Dylan of Destin, Fla., Van (Betty) Perrine of Live Oak, Fla., Ruth (Ed) Orr of Columbia City, Ind., and Scott (Darla) Perrine of Wolcottville, Ind.; eight grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Kirk is preceded in death by his loving parents, Van and Audrey Perrine, and his uncle, Charles Perrine.

A private family service is being held.

Kirk loved animals and memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Noble County, P.O. Box 471, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Kaye Bowers

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Kaye L. Bowers, 69, died Sunday, Aug. 1, 2010, at Brookview Healthcare Center in Defiance, Ohio.

Kaye was born May 31, 1941, the son of the late Lester and Violet (Mason) Bowers in Dekalb County Indiana.

He was united in marriage to Julie Watson on Oct. 31, 1981. He was a truck driver for Evans Equipment Co. in Butler, Ind.

He is survived by his wife, Julie, and a son, Terry, both of Hicksville. Also surviving are his mother-in-law, Evelyn Watson; and five brothers-in-law, Steve, Keith, Roger, Lynn and Duane, with their wives and families.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville. Calling will be Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. and Thursday one hour before the service at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville, Ohio.

Memorials are to the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com

Marilynn Dunten

LAGRANGE — Marilynn L. Dunten, age 94, formerly of LaGrange, Ind., died peacefully in her sleep of natural causes on July 26, 2010, at Heather Hills Care Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Mrs. Dunten

She was born September 29, 1915, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Glenn and Oma (Shoup) Knauss.

Living most of her life in LaGrange, she graduated as valedictorian from LaGrange High School and cum laude from Butler University in 1937.

Mrs. Dunten was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta and the Scarlet Quill which later became Phi Beta Kappa.

She was a homemaker, Girl Scout leader, Sunday School teacher and taught home economics at LaGrange and Lakeland High schools. She retired from teaching in 1977.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange, Tri-Kappa and Coterie.

Mrs. Dunten enjoyed playing Bridge and golf, gardening, flower arranging and watercolor painting. She was a selfless, loving, supportive and kind wife, mother, grandmother, teacher and friend. She was greatly loved and will be greatly missed by all.

She was married on June 15, 1941, to Jack P. Dunten, former LaGrange County Circuit Court Judge, who preceded her in death on December 25, 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Frank G. and Jennifer (Lloyd) Dunten of Grand Rapids, Michigan; a daughter, Judy Dunten of Rockford, Michigan; eight grandchildren, Jessica (Dunten) Anderson, Erica, Jennifer, Katherine, Daniel and Jacqueline Dunten, Kristi (Blank) Cox and Paul Blank; and three great-grandchildren, Kaitlynne, Anderson Joseph Cox and Lauren Anderson.

Marilynn was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and a daughter, Karen (Dunten) Blank in 1995.

Graveside services will be held at Greenwood Cemetery at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 13, 2010, with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange or the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children.

Arrangements are being handled by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, Ind.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

Nellie Wiggins

WATERLOO — Nellie M. Wiggins, 77, of Waterloo died Sunday, August 1, 2010, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Wiggins

Mrs. Wiggins was a homemaker.

She and her husband were lifetime DeKalb County farmers. They also owned and operated a small rubber stamp business for 30 years.

She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the DeKalb County Home Extension Never Idle Club, and was a former DeKalb County 4-H leader.

She was born July 6, 1933, in Union Township to LeRoy and Esther (Housel) Rudolph. She married Roscoe Wiggins on Jan. 5, 1964, at the Waterloo United Methodist Church. He survives.

She is also survived by two daughters, Jane Wiggins of Waterloo and Janet Wiggins of Auburn; a sister, Betty Sebert of Butler; four sisters-in-law and a brother-in-law, Judy Rudolph of Avilla, Joann Rudolph of Waterloo, Ruth Carroll of Waterloo, and Marilyn and John Gurtner of Waterloo; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Rhoada Bainbridge; and five brothers, William Rudolph, Forrest Rudolph, Kenneth Rudolph, Willard Rudolph and Willis Rudolph.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. David Mathews officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Margaret Davis

AUBURN — Margaret Esther (Henninger) Davis, 96, of Auburn died Sunday, August, 1, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Davis

Margaret, and her husband, Kelso, were the owners and operators of Davis Photography Studio in Auburn from 1938 until they retired in 1998. She did the hand tinting of the portraits before the advent of colored photos.

Mrs. Davis was a graduate of Adrian High School. She then attended and graduated from Marion College with a teaching degree in Art. After graduation, she excelled and took a true passion in oil paintings.

She was a 72-year member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn and a member of the Chancel Choir for 60 years. She was a 50-year member and past president of Entre Nous Literary Club.

She was born on October 6, 1913, in Peru to Carl Fredrick and Lillian Selma (Kurz) Henninger.

She married T. Kelso Davis on June 16, 1934, in Adrian, Michigan. He passed away on November 11, 2000.

She is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Diane Marie and John Manon of Auburn, Sherri Ann and Gary Sible of St. Joe and Loraine Kay Hartranft of Anaheim, California; six grandchildren and their spouses, Angie and David May, Molly Manon, John C. D. Manon, Justin P. and Joni Manon, Kelley Hartranft and Kayleen and Jim Leonard; and three great-grandchildren, Katrina May, Cassidy May and Bill Leonard.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one brother, Carl Jacob Henninger; and two sisters, Esther Wojtowicz and Katherine Ehlert.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m on Friday, August 6, 2010, at First United Methodist Church, 1203 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ted Jansen, Rev. Dale Williams, and Rev. Wilbur Yates officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, August 5, 2010, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and an hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials may be directed to First United Methodist Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Marjorie Schladenhauffen

AUBURN — Marjorie E. Schladenhauffen, 83, of Auburn died Monday, Aug. 2, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Schladenhauffen was a bookkeeper for the Carroll Road Christian Church from until December of 2009.

She was a member of the Carroll Road Christian Church.

She was born Sept., 19, 1926, in Bluffton to William and Mary (Kaehr) Steffen. She married Warren A. Schladenhauffen on Sept. 23, 1945, in Bluffton. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ann M. and L. Jay Liechty of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Warren D. and Candace Schladenhauffen of LaGrange; a sister, Leota M. Reinhard of Bluffton; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Russell Steffen.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Carroll Road Christian Church, 4704 Carroll Road, Fort Wayne. The Rev. Larry Goodwin will officiate.

Memorials may be directed to the Carroll Road Christian Church.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

William Cook

AVILLA — William D. Cook, 75, a resident of Avilla and formerly of Auburn and Huntertown, passed away at 10 p.m. on Wednesday, August 4, 2010, at Northridge Village Nursing Home in Albion, where he had been a patient for the past two weeks.

Mr. Cook was born in Fort Wayne on January 25, 1935, a son of Bernard and Hope (Kuzeff) Cook, and spent his formative years there. As a young man he served in the U. S. Navy during the Korean Conflict, and was married in Angola on July 20, 1953 to Shirley Spangle.

He was employed for 28 years at International Harvester in Fort Wayne, and later worked as an independent contractor. In his leisure time he enjoyed hunting, fishing, race car driving, and woodworking.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years Shirley; his children, William (Renee) Cook Jr. of Angola, Lisa (Robert) Hostetter of Rome City, Mark (Reesa) Cook of Fort Wayne, Scott Cook of Albion, and Dwayne Kazmierczak of Granger; a brother Gary (Diana) Cook of Auburn; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Nancy Pelz.

At the request of the family, there will be no services or calling hours.

Memorials may be directed to Indiana University Hospital, 550 N. University Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46202

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Cook's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

George Bohnenberger

AVILLA — George Arnold Bohnenberger, age 77, died on Tuesday, August 3, 2010, at 10:30 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett. He had been declining in health for the past three months.

Mr. Bohnenberger

A lifetime Noble County resident, he was born in Green Township on September 14, 1932, and was the son of Karl Jacob Anton and Erma Lucille (Brown) Bohnenberger.

On September 13, 1958, he married Mrytle Owen at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. She survives in rural Avilla.

Mr. Bohnenberger worked at Zollner Piston in Fort Wayne for 27 years and retired from there in 1992.

He served his country in the United States Army during the Korean conflict and was assigned to a tank battalion.

He was a very active member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church.

He also was a member of the United Auto Workers 2357 in Fort Wayne and American Legion Post 240 in Avilla.

He collected toy tractors, and enjoyed reading farm magazines, and photography.

Other survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara Ann and Denny Weber of Kendallville; his brothers, Grover Eugene Bohnenberger of Avilla and Glen Ervin Bohnenberger of Wheatland, Wyoming; a sister and two brothers-in-law, Norma Jean and Phillip Pippenger of Churubusco; and Paul Miller of Defiance, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Evelyn Lorene Miller.

Funeral services will be Monday, August 9, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, with an hour of calling before the service. Pastor Thomas Dunbar will officiate.

Calling is also from 3 until 7 Sunday evening at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Burial following the funeral will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Please make memorials in memory of George Bohnenberger to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla or the Noble County Humane Society.

To send online condolences please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com

Richard Coulson

BUTLER — Richard D. Coulson, 52, of Butler died Thursday at his home.

Mr. Coulson graduated from Eastside High School in 1976.

He worked for Bohn Aluminum for 23 years.

He was born on March 7, 1958, in Auburn to Howard and Joan (Long) Coulson.

Surviving are three daughters, Tasha Norris of Bluffton, Ashley Coulson of Ashleyand Emily (Wesley) Tyree of St. Joe; his father, Howard Coulson of Butler; a sister, Sherri Katschke of Butler; a brother, Mike Coulson of Butler; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Joan Coulson.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. David Leitzel officiating. Calling will be from Monday from 10 a.m. to service time.

Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorials are to the family.

View a video triubute and condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com

Walter Ervin

ST. JOE — Walter S. Ervin, 91, died Wednesday, August 4, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Ind.

Mr. Ervin

He was born on July 2, 1919, in Auburn, Ind., to the late Walter and Ethel (Scott) Ervin.

He married Lelah Mae Richards on January 6, 1940, in Spencerville, Ind.

Surviving are his wife, Lelah Mae Ervin of St. Joe, Ind.; his daughter Jean, (Phil) Pinkerton of Auburn, Ind.; his grandchildren, Cheryl (Joe) Terry of St. Joe, Ind., and Eric (Hollie) Kessler of Lafayette, Ind.; his great-grandchildren, Paige and Payton Terry and Grace and Caroline Kessler; and his step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

Walter worked for the railroad and then went to work for County Line Cheese as a tester for 29 years.

He was a World War II Army veteran, a member of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church and a 50-year member of the American Legion Post 409.

Private family services will be held at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, Ind., with Merle Holden officiating.

Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, Newville, Ind.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 345, St. Joe, IN 46785.

STAR
August 8 2010 Auburn, Indiana

'Oly' was the ultimate character

BY JIM SHILANDER
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FREMONT — The sight of motorcycles traveling the roads of Steuben County is a familiar one in the summer months.

But as the weather cools, the number of cycles drops. By the time the first snows hit the ground, there typically isn't a bike to be seen. That is, as long as Olin "Oly" Firestone wasn't on the road.

Firestone, an active participant in local politics and a post commander at the Fremont American Legion, died July 19 at age 68.

Douglas Firestone said his brother's love for motorcycles began after he served in the Air Force. Douglas said what made his brother's love for bikes unusual was that he didn't have an affinity for any particular brand or style.

"He just loved motorcycles," he said. "There weren't any special ones. He just liked to ride. He rode year-round." Douglas credited his brother with getting him into motorcycles as well.

That included riding in the winter, daughter Kathy Parson noted.

"I have no idea why he did it, but once he started doing it he loved it," Parsons said. "He would usually drive to work to Weatherhead, where he worked until 1991, down S.R. 827 and he'd have his feet on the ground and just coast his way in. One year he even put snow chains on the bike. It was just something where we all said, 'Oh, that's just Oly.' He only gave it up when he couldn't physically do it anymore."

"That's just Oly," was a familiar refrain at the American Legion, commander Richard Glendening said.

"Oly was just a different character, but not in a strange way," he said. "He was just Oly."

Firestone and his wife, Jackie, knew each other at Metz High School, but they weren't sweethearts, she remembered.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Oly Firestone loved his family and his motorcycles. Riding in parades as a member of the American Legion Riders gave him the opportunity to combine his two loves. Here, he gives a ride to his granddaughter Camryn.

"His (older) sister was in my class," Jackie said. "I remember him as a bratty kid running through the halls."

Parsons, who serves as clerk-treasurer for Fremont, said her father consistently preached the value of public service. The lesson started early on.

"One year we walked with him from Fremont to Angola to campaign for Edward Roush. He always instilled in us that the right thing to do was to serve the community," she said.

Parsons said her father was the epitome of a family man at home, even if he sometimes hid it under a tough "macho" exterior. "He had a softer side that most people didn't get to see. He was a Sunday school teacher, he would write poems to my mom," she said.

Douglas Firestone remembered that softer side being a bit different growing up.

"He used to beat us up all the time, but I loved him to death," he said. "He was very popular in the neighborhood. He took care of us." He recalled that his brother would often get Douglas and his other younger brothers to do his chores around the house for him, with the promise of a trip into town as a reward.

Jackie said her husband always made time for his children. "If they ever needed him, he would be there," she said. As his family grew to include grandchildren and great-grandchildren that love only grew, she said. "They were all the love of his life."

STAR
August 9 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Paul Beuchel Jr.

FISHERS — Paul Beuchel Jr., 86, of Fishers and formerly of Lake Gage, died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2010, at St. Vincent Medical Center Northeast in Fishers.

Mr. Beuchel retired from the Messenger Corp. in Auburn with more than 40 years of service.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving during World War II.

He was a member of the Clear Lake Lutheran Church. He was also a member of the American Legion for over 65 years.

He was born on Feb. 24, 1924, in Auburn, to Paul and Francis (Warner) Beuchel.

He married Wilma Culbertson on June 1, 1946, in Auburn. She passed away on Dec. 9, 1995.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Joanne and Joe Creager of Butler, and Sandy and Roger Terry of Garrett; a sister, Hilda Clevenger of Garrett; eight grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Paula Coombs; a brother, Robert Beuchel; two grandsons; and a great grandson.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Clear Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Tuesday prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Clear Lake Lutheran Church, 270 Outer Drive Clear Lake, Fremont, IN 46737.

Ronald Dwyer

LEO — Ronald Eugene Dwyer, 76, of Leo passed away Saturday, Aug. 7, 2010.

Born Sept. 18, 1933, in Spencerville, he is the son of the late Walter Michael Dwyer and Jessie (Maurer) Roby.

Mr. Dwyer

He was a graduate of Spencerville High School.

He served his country for four years in the U.S. Navy and upon his discharge he took a position with General Electric where he served 43 years.

He was a member of the Spencerville United Methodist Church.

He also enjoyed his part-time job at Cedar Creek Golf Course, woodworking, fishing, hunting, and his garden pond.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Bonnie Dwyer of Leo; a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Steve Siefert of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dean and Rachel Dwyer of Corunna and Michael and Diana Dwyer of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and a spouse, Bethany and Joe Swygart, Jillian Siefert, Kaitlyn Dwyer, and Brooke Dwyer; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jim and Arden Dwyer of Spencerville and Paul and Karen Dwyer of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Edwin Thomas of Fort Wayne; and cousins, Frank and Judy Dwyer of Leo.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Roy and Inez Maurer; and aunts and uncles, Max and Annette Maurer, and Joe and Gladys Lieberenz.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Donna Gammon officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Spencerville United Methodist Church.

Dona Dudash

AUBURN — Dona I. Dudash, age 75, of Auburn, Ind., died at 5:16 p.m. Sunday, August 8, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mrs. Dudash

She was born October 8, 1934, in Garrett, Ind., to Wilbur and Thelma (Sawyer) Myers and they preceded her in death.

She married Robert E. Dudash on July 10, 1955, in Garrett and he died April 1, 1999. She and her husband were co-administrators at Sunny Meadow Residential home in Auburn for 15 years, retiring in 1999.

She was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren near Corunna, Ind.

Dona is survived by two daughters, Karen Dudash of Garrett, Ind., and Susan and Jerry Korchyk of Auburn, Ind., and a son, John Dudash of Garrett, Ind.

She is survived by a grandson, Alex Dudash of Garrett, Ind., and two granddaughters, Mandy Korchyk of Windsor, England, and Ashley Korchyk of Durham, N.C.

Dona is also survived by brother, George Bernard "Bernie" M. and Lillian Myers of Auburn, Ind., and a half sister, Juanita Horn of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today, Tuesday, August 10, 2010, at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, Ind., and from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, August 11, 2010, at Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren near Corunna, Ind..

Services will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, August 11, 2010, at the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren near Corunna, with Pastor Duane Grady officiating.

Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett, Ind.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren or the American Heart Association.

You may send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting: www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Delilah Kiefer

AUBURN — Delilah E. "Liz" Kiefer, 73, passed away Sunday, August 8, 2010, in Auburn.

Born in Marion, Ind., Delilah worked as a sales clerk with Walmart for more than 10 years, retiring in 2009.

Mrs. Kiefer

She is survived by her son, Curtis D. Kiefer of Fort Wayne;her daughter, Elaine (Larry G.) Miller of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Erica (Daniel) Quinones, Toni Miller, Michael Miller, and Kiersten, Lauren and Bryce Kiefer, all of Fort Wayne. Liz was preceded in death by her parents, Curtis C. and Loma M. Myers; and her husband, Emil M Kiefer Jr.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Visitation is Wednesday 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the family.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Anna Richards

ST. JOE — Anna E. Richards, 91, of St. Joe died Monday, August 9, 2010, at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Richards

Ms. Richards was a beautician for 37 years working in the Lincoln Tower in Fort Wayne.

She was a graduate of St. Joe High School.

She was a member of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Joe.

She was born on June 16, 1919, in Newville, to Romeo and Nellie (Warner) Richards.

Surviving are two nieces and their spouses, Suzanne and Lynn Witt of Grabill, and Kay and Scott Parshall of Houston, Texas; a sister, Mae Ervin of St. Joe; eight great-nieces and nephews and their spouses, Tami and Pete Smith, Jeni and Tom Boese, Jeff Witt, Jeremy Zeisloft, Sarah and Chadd Kelley, Cheryl and Joe Terry, and Eric and Holly Kessler; 10 great-great-nieces and nephews; and one great-great-great-nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Esther Coburn; and two brothers, William Richards and Russell Richards.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Merle Holden officiating. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery, Leo.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Joe.

Doris Sassanella

AUBURN — Doris L. Sassanella, 79, of Auburn died Monday, August 9, 2010, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Born March 6, 1931, in Auburn, she was the daughter of the late Kenneth and Gladys Kester.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Stasia and Kevin Bassett of Auburn; and her grandchildren, Angela and Phillip Basset both of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Nathan "Joe" Sassanella; an infant son, Terry Joe Sassanella; a brother, Ralph Kester; and a sister-in-law, Donna Kester.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. today and one half hour prior to the service Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Indian Village Food Pantry.

To sign the online guest book or to send a sympathy card, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com

Patricia Schultz-Troeger

GARRETT — Patricia "Patty" Schultz-Troeger, 49, of Fishers, Ind., and formerly of Garrett, died Monday, Aug. 9, 2010, at her home.

Ms. Shultz-Troeger

Ms. Schultz-Troeger was a travel consultant for more than 30 years.

She was born May 9, 1961, in Evergreen Park, Ill., to George W. and Marjorie E. (Gavin) Schultz and they survive in Garrett.

Also surviving are a brother, George G. (Betsy) Schultz of Garrett; four sisters, Mary Kay (Matt) Schultz-Kucharski of Westminster, Colo., Joyce (Kenn) Schultz-Werner of Milwaukee, Wis., Theresa Cavanaugh of Fishers and Christine (Shane) DeMarco of Garrett; a daughter, Stephanie Collier of South Bend; a son, Ross Troeger of Indianapolis; a granddaughter; and her partner Bob Donselaar of Fishers.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett with Father Andrew Nazareth officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School or Church.

Send a condolence or sign the on-line register book at www.thomasfuneralhome.org

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Opal Mason

ST. JOE — Opal Mason, 77, of St. Joe died Tuesday, August 10, 2010, in Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Mason

Mrs. Mason was a bookkeeper for several years for Auburn Motor Sales and she also worked for 16 years for I & M Electric in Fort Wayne before her retirement in 1976.

She was a member of St. Marks Lutheran Church in St. Joe.

She was born Aug. 8, 1933, in Auburn to Brooks and Mary (Witt) Trenary. She married John D. Mason on Oct. 5, 1968, in the Mt. Pleasant Church in Butler. He survives in St. Joe.

Also surviving are a son, John B. Mason of Kendallville; two stepdaughters, Linda (Steven) Sims of Fort Wayne and Letha Chambers of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Larry Mason of Yulee, Fla., and Laune (Debbie) Mason of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren; five sisters, Mary Lou (Jordan) Baughman of Butler, Doris (Chet) Matherly of Elkhart, Audry Walter of Big Long Lake, Ruth (Ervin) Fetters of Diamond Lake, and Alice (Dale) Yarde of Garrett; and a brother-in-law, Loran Cook of Lemington, Canada.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister Joan Cook; a brother, Forest Trenary; and a stepdaughter-in-law, Barbara Mason.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Merle Holden officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Marks Lutheran Church at St. Joe.

Betty Diehl

BUTLER — Betty G. Diehl, 94, of Butler died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2010, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

Mrs. Diehl was the former owner of Diehl's Jewelry Store in Butler.

She was a graduate of Butler High School.

Mrs. Diehl was a charter member of the Butler Eagles, a 75-year member of Forest Chapter 44 Order of the Eastern Star, now Spencerville Chapter 386 OES, and St. Marks Lutheran Church of Butler.

She was born Feb. 3, 1916, in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, to Fred W. and Ida (Crampton) Showalter. She married Leland "Jim" Diehl on Aug. 30, 1936, in Butler. He preceded in death on June 16, 1992.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Fred and Karen Diehl of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Denise and Bill Kurtz of Butler; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a grandson.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Butler. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. An Eastern Star services will be held on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to St. Marks Lutheran Church, Butler.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com

Glenna Blue

KENDALLVILLE — Glenna Gladys Blue, 94, of Kendallville died Wednesday, August 11, 2010, in Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville.

Mrs. Blue

Mrs. Blue had lived in the area since 1921, coming from Iowa.

She graduated from Kendallville High School.

She had worked at the Central Drug Store in Kendallville for many years.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville.

Glenna loved her family, her home, and her flowers. Most of her free time was spent helping others. She would bake a thousand or more Christmas cookies each year, and enjoyed giving them away.

She was born February 13, 1916, in Iowa to Harry and Olive Florence Viola (Housholder) Gates. On September 14, 1935, in Warsaw she married Donald J. Blue. They had been married 68 years when he preceded her in death on November 23, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Bill Moree of Auburn; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Larry and Caryl Blue of Kendallville and Dick Blue of Kendallville; three granddaughters, Kim Marti of Kendallville, Amy Sage of Kendallville, and Mindy Gardner of Auburn; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter, all of whom are left here to try and follow the great lessons she taught.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Beulah Strouse and Velva Spannagel.

Funeral services will be Friday, August 13, 2010, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville officiating. Burial will be in the Avilla Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday, August 13, 2010, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church, 301 S. Oak St., Kendallville, IN 46755.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Duane Hawn

LARWILL — Duane E. Hawn, 80, formerly of Larwill, died Friday, Aug. 13, 2010, at The Laurels of DeKalb where he had been a resident since Jan. 12.

Mr. Hawn was employed at Farmer's Elevator in South Whitley, Brunwick Boat Co. in Warsaw, Harvestore in Silver Lake, Parker Inc. in Silver Lake and retired from Swihart Grain Co. in Silver Lake.

He enlisted in the United States Army on Sept. 16, 1948, and served until Sept. 15, 1951.

Mr. Hawn was a member of the AmVets Post 2919 of South Whitley.

He was born Oct. 3, 1929, in Marion to John Franklin and Pauline (Bauserman) Hawn. He married Herta Wilhelmine Fischer in 1949. She died Sept. 17, 2000.

Surviving are a son, Raimund Hawn of South Whitley; two sisters, Retha Cluster of Butler and Margaret "Peg" Yoder of Garrett; and three brothers, Darrell Hawn of Garrett, Marion "Manny" Hawn of Rome City and Kerwin "Kirby" Hawn of Hudson.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Noelys Martin and LaDial E. White, and a brother, Keith Hawn.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Smith & Sons Miller Chapel, South Whitley. A committal service will be held at noon Saturday, Aug. 21, at Lakeview Cemetery, Larwill, with military honors.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital or Humane Society of Whitley County.

Condolences may be sent to smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

Marjorie Hobbs

FORT WAYNE — Marjorie J. Hobbs, 84, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Aug. 13, 2010, at her home surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Hobbs

She was a member of the Woodburn United Methodist Church.

Surviving are three sons, Richard (LuAnn) Hobbs of Huntington, James (Penny) Hobbs of Waterloo, and Walter Jr. (Patsy) Hobbs of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Margo Tester, Sandra Hobbs and Susan Pierce, all of Fort Wayne; a brother, John Willit Jr. of Roanoke; 16 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter, and a sister, Betty Burgener.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home 8408 Covington Road. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Calling will be from Monday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home and 30 minutes prior to the service.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice or the Woodburn United Methodist Church.

To send online condolences or to sign the guestbook, visit www.covingtonmemorial.com

Keith Fee

MOORPARK, Calif. — Memorial services will be held Saturday, Aug. 21, at 11 a.m. at the Waterloo Cemetery for Keith E. Fee, 71, of Moorpark, Calif., and formerly of Garrett. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate.

Mr. Fee died Oct. 26, 2009, at his home.

STAR
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Living in heaven on earth

Margaret Davis experienced God through birds, flowers

BY DAVE KURTZ
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AUBURN — Margaret Davis saw the world through an artist's eyes, said her daughter, Sherri Sible.

Her discerning eyes closed in death Aug. 1, 2010, at the age of 96.

College-trained as an artist, she married Kelso Davis in 1934 in Michigan. They moved to Auburn in 1938, when they bought a photography studio. They would operate the business for the next 60 years.

"It was a lucky blend, the photographer and the artist," Sible said.

Margaret Davis used her talents to apply tints to her husband's black and-white pictures, giving them lifelike colors.

While her husband served in the armed forces during World War II, she ran the studio herself for two years. One of the child portraits she took during that time hung in the front room of their business until it closed.

"He said that was their best portrait — and Mother did it," Sible said.

After the war, Margaret Davis raised the couple's three daughters and worked from their home on a spacious corner lot just south of Auburn.

"Dad was always ready to move into town," Sible said, but Mrs. Davis wouldn't budge. "She said, 'This is paradise. This is my heaven on earth.'"

Her well-tended, personal Garden of Eden contained more than two dozen varieties of trees, along with bushes and flowers of all types. She brought sandstone from her mother's garden in Michigan to build a rock garden. She raised plants that attracted butterflies and, every day, she put out suet for the birds.

Once, when a favorite tree of the birds died, she had her son-in-law, Gary Sible, dig a hole and "plant" the stump, so it would stay upright for use as a perch.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Margaret Davis poses with flowers in her "heaven on earth" yard and gardens south of Auburn.

"Mom kind of took care of this little corner of God's creation," Sible said.

She cared for her family, too, teaching faith and faithfulness through quiet example and taking pride in her 66-year marriage to Kelso, who died in 2000.

The couple took their daughters to Sunday school and church every week.

"They didn't have to tell us it was important," Sible said.

Granddaughter Kayleen Leonard surprised Mrs. Davis last Valentine's Day with a book of memories and messages compiled by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. On the cover, above a photo of a young Kelso and Margaret Davis, Leonard wrote, "Through the sharing and the love of two lives, generations have been touched."

One grandchild wrote in the book that he valued "a legacy of love for family and faith in her Lord that has been passed down."

Margaret Davis sang in the First United Methodist Church choir for 60 years. She told her daughters that the lyrics of a favorite benediction song, "Go Now in Peace," represented her final message to everyone.

Using her artistic talents, she designed scores of Sunday bulletin covers for the church. Her artwork fit a variety of seasons and occasions, and she often added a motto, "Praise through daily living."

The words fit Margaret Davis, who experienced God through the beauty of flowers, birds and trees.

"We think we have to do so many things and make our lives count by being busy," said her daughter, Diane Manon.

Her mother's lesson, Manon said, is that simply enjoying and appreciating God's creation "was as important to the Lord as any of the things the rest of us do."

August 15 2010 Auburn, Indiana

Betty Pomeroy

AUBURN — Betty D. Pomeroy, 86, of Auburn, died Friday, Aug. 13, 2010 at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Services will be Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2010 at 2 p.m. with calling one hour prior to services at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in IOOF Cemetery, New Haven.

Calling will also be from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Auburn. 16, 2010 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

To sign the guest book or to send a sympathy card online go to pinnington-mccomb.com.

Edward Howard

GARRETT — Edward "Ed" Howard, 81 of Garrett died at 9:12 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

He was born Jan. 17, 1929, in Maggoffin County, Ky., to Toney and Grace (Hicks) Howard.

Mr. Howard worked as a laborer for the Auburn Foundry for 30 years, retiring in 1994.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Lana Howard of Auburn; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mary and Henry Isham of Garrett, Milgie and Frank Dennis of Franklin, Mavis Vanderpool of Garrett and Glenna Rugman of Auburn; and a sister-in-law, Ovie Howard of Hueysville, Ky.

His parents and a brother, Ell Howard, preceded him in death.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

The service will follow at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with celebrant Ryan Myers officiating.

Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

You may send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting thomasfuneral-home.org.

Edwin Whittington

WATERLOO — Edwin Myers Whittington, 70, of Waterloo died Saturday, August 14, 2010, in a traffic accident in Terrace Bay, Ontario, Canada.

Mr. Whittington

He was born March 3, 1940, in Newport, Ind., to Frayne and Thelma (Myers) Whittington. His parents have preceded him in death.

He was a member and loved his church family at County Line Church of God.

For a number of years he taught science and agriculture at Ashley and DeKalb schools. He decided to change careers so he retired from teaching and went into farming and landscaping, then with his wife, Vi, by his side they became owners of the Country Store in Waterloo which is now Country Kitchen SweetArt of Fort Wayne and is co-owned and managed by their daughters and sons-in-law.

He married Violet "Vi" Brand on December 19, 1964, in Hudson, Ind., and she survives in Waterloo. He is also survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Leslie and Todd Myers of Fort Wayne, Michelle Whittington of Butler and Autumn and Bruce Carpenter of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Kayla and Ethan Myers and Isaac, Austin, Sydney and Simon Carpenter; and four sisters, Eleanor (Jack) Burroughs of Newport, Ind., Elaine (Loren) Kinderman of Kingman, Ind., Janet Frose of Bristol, Ind., and Judy (Joe) Frink of Newport, Ind.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, August 20, 2010, at County Line Church of God with the Rev. Stuart Kruse officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, Ind., and also one hour prior to the service at the church Friday.

Memorials can be directed to County Line Church of God.

Lela Lakamp

AUBURN — Lela S. Lakamp, 90, of Auburn died Sunday evening, August 15, 2010, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lakamp

She was born May 29, 1920, in Ohio County in Indiana to George H. and Anna L. (Harmeyer) Selmeyer.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn and belonged to the Ladies Aid of the church.

She retired from Lincoln National Life in Fort Wayne. She was a charter member of Circle Center Home Extension Club of Allen County.

Throughout the years she was a 4-H leader, Sunday school teacher and loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

She married Leonard Lakamp on February 3, 1940, in St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ohio County and he preceded her in death on April 25, 2008.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Garland and Nola Lakamp of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Marcia Heinert of Howard City, Mich., and Linda and Keith Schrimshaw of Auburn; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sons-in-law, George Strawbridge and the Rev. David Heinert; and two brothers, Melvin Selmeyer and Ronald Selmeyer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, August 19, 2010, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn with the Rev Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery Auburn.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and also one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church.

Memorials can be directed to Trinity Lutheran Church or Worship for Shut-Ins.

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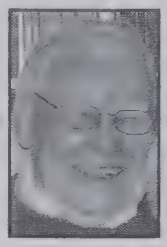
Robert Maxwell

AUBURN — Robert K. Maxwell, 86, of Auburn died Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Maxwell was a chief accountant at Northern Indiana Fuel & Light.


Mr. Maxwell

He was a member of First Christian Church in Auburn, the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, National Heisey Museum and the Tri State Heisey Study Club.

Mr. Maxwell was born Nov. 15, 1923, in Auburn to Merritt and Lena Maxwell. They preceded him in death.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Cindy Maxwell of Fort Wayne; his grandchildren, Amanda, Carrie and Aric; and his great-grandchildren, Dahnte and Anias.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Janet Maxwell in 2009.

Funeral services will be Monday at 10 a.m., with visitation one hour prior at First Christian Church, 910 N. Indiana Ave., Auburn. The Rev. Walter Coy will officiate.

Additional visitation will be Sunday from 1-5 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the ACD Museum.

To sign the guest book or to send a sympathy card, visit www.pinnington mccomb.com

Talia Smith

LAOTTO — Talia Joy Smith, 20, of LaOtto passed away Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010, as the result of a car-bicycle accident on Old S. R. 3 north of C.R. 400S.

Miss Smith

She was born on April 30, 1990, in Fort Wayne to Brad and Mary (Speakman) Smith. Talia graduated from East Noble High School in 2008, an Honor Graduate (Top 10 in her class). She desired to pursue vocal performance and acting professionally, aiming toward Broadway. She was attending New York University, (currently a junior, earning a 3.87 GPA) on academic scholarship to pursue her dream by majoring in Music Theater and Vocal Performance at the Steinhardt School of Culture and Education. She had just signed on to a new job as the Personal Assistant to the Assistant Musical Theater Program Director at NYU. Talia enjoyed singing, reading, dancing, shopping, being with her friends, and spending time with family. She attended church at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.

She was a record-breaking swimmer, beginning at age 6 with the YMCA through freshman year in high school. Multiple show choir competitions, grand champion soloist; highlighted by wins at DeKalb, Belmont, Marion and Carroll. Talia was an Honor Thespian, landing many significant roles in EN productions. In June 2010 she performed professionally for the first time in concert at NYU for the 25th celebration of faculty resource network. Talia lived by the quote: if you can dream it; you can do it; (Walt Disney), and was easiest described with these three words: Live, Laugh, Love.

She is survived by her parents, Mary and Brad Smith of LaOtto; grandmother Darlene Smith of Churubusco; aunt and uncle Nila and Ken Harman of Indianapolis, cousins Jacob and Jonathan; aunt and uncle Cynthia and Marty Boros of Houston, Texas, cousins Michael (Courtney) Melissa (Andy), and Catherine; grandparents Greta and Bill Speakman of Garrett; aunt and uncle Bill and Dinah Speakman of Kendallville, cousins James (Emily), April and Misty; aunt and uncle Deborah (Speakman) and Rob Aikins of Garrett, cousins Clifford (Grim) Cari (Grim) and Dekota; aunt and uncle Kathy and Gary Carr of Kendallville, cousins Christina and Casandra; uncle Dan Speakman of Churubusco, cousins Amy (Bottoma), Amber (Bottoma), Daniel and Lisa-Jo; and a special young man in her life, Christopher McMahon, and his parents, Patricia Repola and Jim McMahon.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather Max Smith and maternal Aunt Barbara Speakman.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2010, in the First Christian Church located at 110 W. Waits Road, Kendallville, with Pastor Larry Smith and Dr. Thomas R. Clothier officiating. The family will receive friends on Monday from 2-8 p.m. in the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. There will be one hour of calling in the church preceding the service. Burial will follow in the Eel River Cemetery South of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, First Christian Church, or to the family to set up a future scholarship fund. (Please make payable to the parents!).

The family would like to give special thank you's to EN performing arts groups lead by Chris Mettert and Craig Munk for their inspiration and leadership.

To leave a condolence in Talia's memory log onto www.sheetsandchilds.net

Garnet Dirr

GARRETT — Garnet P. Dirr, age 81, loving wife and mother, entered into God's loving care on Saturday, Aug. 21, 2010, at 2:20 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was born Nov. 30, 1928, in Auburn to Wilbur and Gertrude (Maurer) Swander. They preceded her in death. She married her loving husband, Gene L. Dirr, on Jan. 20, 1949 in Hamilton and he survives in Garrett. Garnet was Head Bookkeeper at City National Bank until her retirement. She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church and a former member of the Business and Professional Women.

Mrs. Dirr

Also surviving is her son and daughter in-law, Ty and Cheryl (Freed) Dirr of Garrett and Englewood, Fla.; her daughters, Pam Binz and husband, Mike, and Lori Custer-Langfeldt and her husband, Jon, all of Garrett; daughter in-law, Kathleen Dirr of Kendallville, granddaughter, Jennifer and Mark Claxton of Garrett, granddaughter, Emilie and Phil Reinoehl of Garrett, grandson, Nathan and Holly Binz of Avilla, granddaughter, Cheris and Tim Litton of Fort Wayne, grandson, Brian and Holly Custer of Garrett, granddaughter, Michelle (Rowlison) and Rick Johnston of Garrett, grandson, Steve Rowlison of Garrett; 10 great-grandchildren; brother, Gerald Swander of Salt Lake City, Utah; and a sister, Florine Strong of Land O'Lake, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her son, Gene "Les" Dirr Jr., brother, Wilbur Swander Jr., sisters, Winifred Peters, Beverly Parker, June Swander and Marcill Swander and a grandson, Bruce Custer.

A Celebration of Garnet's life will take place on Monday, Aug. 23, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett with the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Visitation will be held on Monday from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

A private burial will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2010 at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home "B Unit" or the American Cancer Society.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

William Bailey

FORT WAYNE — William E. Bailey, 63, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday Aug. 19, 2010, at his home in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Fort Wayne on Oct. 18, 1946, to Arthur and Deroyal (Penland) Bailey.

He worked at GE in Fort Wayne for 18 years then for Rieke Corp in Auburn for 14 years until his retirement in 2006. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and Phil Shidler of Garrett; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Bryon Bailey of Angola and Brent and Cherie Bailey of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Linda and Butch Kennedy of Auburn and Pam Daub of Auburn; and a brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Jean Bailey of Wisconsin.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 South Center Street, Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Robert Oberlin

BUTLER — Robert J. Oberlin, 80, died Friday, Aug. 20, 2010, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home, Butler.

He was born on July 16, 1930 in DeKalb County to Eber and Clara (Healy) Oberlin.

Mr. Oberlin served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He retired from Commercial Shearing Corporation in 1985 after 22 years of service.

He married Carroll Bloomfield in 1957 in Butler. She preceded him in death on Feb. 2, 1997.

Survivors include three sons, Kevin Oberlin of Butler, Kent Oberlin of Butler, and Mike Oberlin of Corunna; a daughter, Roberta Whitacre of Lodi, Ohio; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a brother, Harry Oberlin of Millersburg; and three sisters, Annabelle Hullinger of Auburn, Martha Curcio of Butler and Mary Short of Edgerton, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Howard Oberlin and Roscoe Oberlin, and three sisters, Elnor Moughler, Alma Ball, and Betty DeLong.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery, with military honors by Butler American Legion Post 202.

Calling will be Monday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Helen Mertz

AUBURN — Helen P. Mertz, 96, formerly of Fairfield Township, Corunna, died Friday Aug. 20, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was born in Ligonier on Jan. 29, 1914, to Dr. James E. and Mary Ann (Rausch) Anderson. She was a homemaker and worked with her husband on their family farm.

Mrs. Mertz

She was a 1932 graduate of Ashley High School. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Corunna and for a number of years was an active member of the Ladies Aid and Altar Guild of the church. She was a member of Valparaiso University Guild, DeKalb Home Extension Club and Ashley Friendship Club.

She enjoyed playing the piano and often accompanied church and community singing. She was known for her delicious pies, cookies and Cracker Jack. No one ever left her house hungry.

She married Lloyd W. Mertz on Jan. 24, 1937, at Zion Lutheran Church and he passed away July 10, 2007.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Lula Mertz of Decatur; a daughter and son-in-law, Harriet and Richard Redman of Appleton, Wis.; five grandchildren, Mark (Cathy) Mertz, Jana (Tyler) Brown, Kent (Sarah) Mertz, Christiana Redman and Phillip Redman; and four great-grandchildren, Lauren Mertz, John Mertz, Kyle Mertz and Anna Mertz.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a sister, Mary Alice Schweitzer, a half-brother, Tom Anderson, and a half-sister, Wilma Schram.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010, at Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna, with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating. Burial will be in Zion Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 South Center St., Auburn, and also one hour prior to the service at the church Wednesday.

Memorials may be directed to the church or the Ladies Aid of the church.

Margarette Wisler

ST. JOE — Margarette H. Wisler, 97, died Friday, Aug. 20, 2010, at her home in St. Joe.

She was born June 25, 1913, in Huntington and adopted by William and Pluma (Northrop) Hamilton. She married Cecil Glenn Wisler on April 19, 1934 in Plymouth. He preceded her in death on May 16, 1993.

Mrs. Wisler

She, along with her husband, were the former owners of the Bita General Store in St. Joe. She enjoyed growing produce and selling it at the Barr Street Market in Fort Wayne. She also enjoyed weaving, growing flowers, collecting coffee cups and traveling. She crocheted many baby blankets for Parkview Infant I.C.U. and lap robes for nursing homes. She was a member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

Surviving are a son, Neil Wisler of Spencerville; daughters Tondalaya Miller of St. Joe and Cynthia Jarrett of St. Joe; 17 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and a niece, Joan Cavender of North Carolina.

She was preceded in death by a daughter; Darlene Mary Miller, a brother, James W. Hamilton, a grandson, Leonard Cecil Jarrett, and a great-granddaughter, Vash Lorraine Retz.

Services will be held on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville with Matt Miller officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Calling will be held on Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 pm at the funeral home.

Margarette requested that memorials be given to Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice, 1315 Directors Row, Fort Wayne, IN 46808, or Turnstone Center for Disabled Children & Adults, 3320 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Garnet Dirr

GARRETT — Garnet P. Dirr, age 81, loving wife and mother, entered into God's loving care on Saturday, Aug. 21, 2010, at 2:20 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was born Nov. 30, 1928, in Auburn to Wilbur and Gertrude (Maurer) Swander. They preceded her in death. She married her loving husband, Gene L. Dirr, on Jan. 20, 1949 in Hamilton and he survives in Garrett. Garnet was Head Bookkeeper at City National Bank until her retirement. She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church and a former member of the Business and Professional Women.

Also surviving is her son and daughter in-law, Ty and Cheryl (Freed) Dirr of Garrett and Englewood, Fla.; her daughters Pam Binz and husband Mike, and Lori Custer-Langfeldt and her husband Jon, all of Garrett; daughter in-law, Kathleen Dirr of Kendallville, granddaughter, Jennifer and Mark Claxton of Garrett, granddaughter, Emilie and Phil Reinoehl of Garrett, grandson, Nathan and Holly Binz of Avilla, granddaughter, Cheris and Tim Litton of Fort Wayne, grandson, Brian and Holly Custer of Garrett, granddaughter, Michelle (Rowlison) and Rick Johnston of Garrett, grandson, Steve Rowlison of

Garrett; 10 great-grandchildren; brother, Gerald Swander of Salt Lake City, Utah; and a sister, Florine Strong of Land O'Lake, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her son, Gene "Les" Dirr Jr., brother, Wilbur Swander Jr., sisters, Winifred Peters, Beverly Parker, June Swander and Marcill Swander and a grandson, Bruce Custer.

A celebration of Garnet's life will take place today, Monday, Aug. 23, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett with the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Visitation will be held on today from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

A private burial will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2010 at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home "B Unit" or the American Cancer Society.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Maria Kowalski

AUBURN — Maria S. Kowalski, 90, died Sunday, August 22, 2010, at her home.

Mrs. Kowalski retired from Montgomery Ward in Chicago.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

Maria's life passion was her religion and family, especially her grandchildren.

Mrs. Kowalski

She was born in Lwow, Poland, on March 11, 1920, to Tadeusz and Isabella (Lobos) Garcynski. She married Stanislaw J. Kowalski on September 3, 1966, in Chicago, Illinois. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Alexandra (Everist) Cook and Charles Cook II of Auburn, and Victoria and Perry Chorpenning of Waterloo; a son, Wladislaw Kowalski of Bloomingdale, Michigan; a brother, Stanley Garcynski of Houston, Texas; eight grandchildren, Phaedra (Everist) Poppen and her husband Dion, Giles Everist and his wife Angela, Grahame Everist and his wife Patricia, Brandon Everist, Stephanie Lockridge and her partner Tammy Silowsky, Jennifer Beitz and her husband Garrison, Danielle Curtis, and Casey Chorpenning; and six great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn Aken, Natalya Everist, Hughen Everist, Noah Bowers, Brooke Bowers and Keegan Curtis.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, Trevor Everist.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Father Derrick Sneyd officiating.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the reciting of the Rosary taking place following calling at 7 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice.

William Kennedy Jr.

FREMONT — William Lee Kennedy Jr. 69, of Little Otter Lake died Monday, August 23, 2010, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Services will be 7 p.m. Thursday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 South Wayne Street, Waterloo.

Calling is Thursday from 2 p.m. until the service at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Steuben County Humane Society, American Cancer Society or Alzheimer's Association.

Virginia Shappell

HAMILTON — Virginia "Ginny" Shappell, 85, of Hamilton and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Aug. 22, 2010, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Shappell was a senior technical coordinator at Magnavox where she retired after 25 years of service.

She was a member of the Magnavox Quarter Century Club and Hamilton United Methodist Church where she was a finance clerk.

Mrs. Shappell a volunteer at the SPCA, Allen County Public Library and Fort Wayne Developmental Center.

She was born Feb. 8, 1925, in Hartford City, the daughter of Lee and Lillian Sprague.

She is survived by her husband, John Shappell of Hamilton; a daughter, Linda Kenagy of Hamilton; 16 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in deat by her first husband, Paul William Kenagy in 1974; a son, William Kenagy; brother, Frederick Sprague; and two sisters, Jessie Beitz and Geneva Miller.

Funeral services will be a 11 a.m. Thursday at Hamilton United Methodist Church. 7780 S. Wayne St., Hamilton.

A graveside service will be at 2:45 p.m. Thursday at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church and one half hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to Hamilton United Methodist Church or SPCA.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the online guest book or to send a sympathy card, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com

STAR
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Crash kills DeKalb student

Two cars collide west of Waterloo

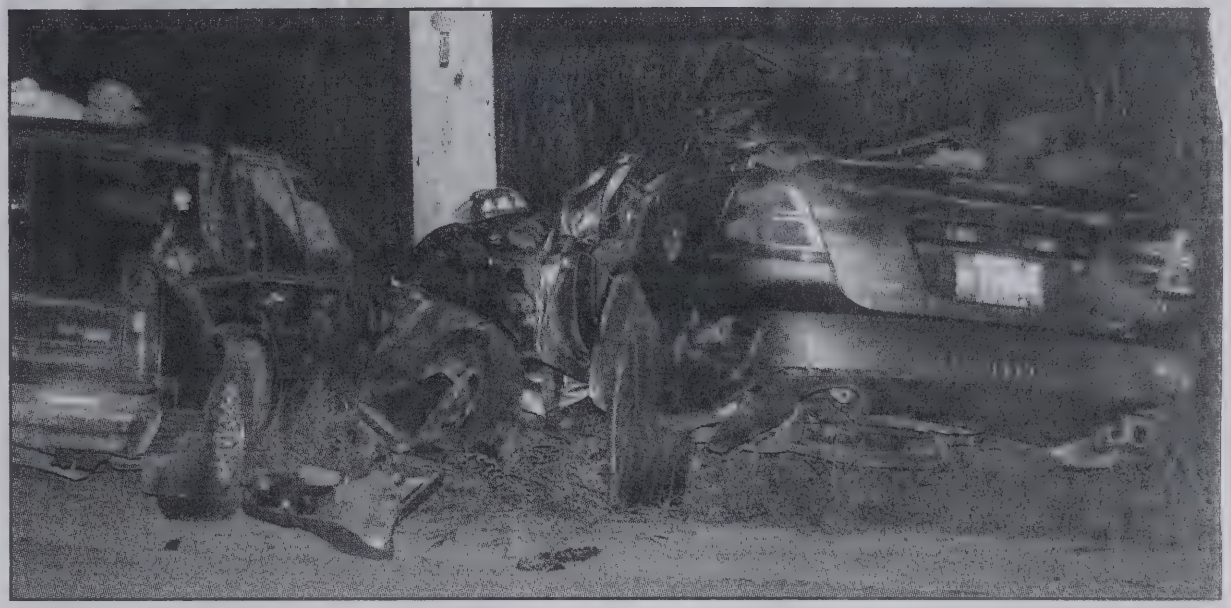
WATERLOO —A DeKalb High School senior has died from injuries he sustained in a crash Monday at 9:10 p.m. west of Waterloo, according to DeKalb County Police.

Snyder

Donald J. Snyder, 18, of the 2500 block of C.R. 6, Ashley, died Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, after suffering internal and head injuries in the two-car collision. An air ambulance flew him to the hospital for treatment immediately after the crash.

Snyder was active in DeKalb County 4-H. He exhibited the grand champion dairy cow at the 2009 DeKalb County Free Fall Fair and won the title of premier dairy showman.

Snyder was riding as the front-seat passenger in a car driven by Dustin T. Gamble, 19, of the 200 block of Michigan Street, Corunna.



DEKALB COUNTY POLICE PHOTO

A firefighter works at the scene of a fatal crash west of Waterloo Monday night. Donald J. Snyder, 18, of Ashley died Tuesday from injuries he sustained while riding as a passenger in the 2004 Pontiac Grand Prix at right.

Gamble also sustained head and internal injuries in the crash and was flown to a Fort Wayne hospital.

The other driver, Timothy D. Smith, 21, of the 4000 block of C.R. 28, Waterloo, reported pain in his hip and upper leg from the collision, police said.

A news release said Gamble was driving a 2004 Pontiac Grand Prix southbound on C.R. 31 at a stop intersection with C.R. 28. Smith was driving westbound toward the intersection in a 1987 Oldsmobile sedan. Police found no evidence of braking by either driver before the cars collided in the intersection.

Both cars came to rest in the southwest corner of the intersection and were total losses, police said.

DeKalb County Police received assistance at the scene from the Waterloo Marshal's Department, DeKalb EMS, Waterloo Fire Department and the Lutheran Hospital and Parkview Samaritan air ambulances.

Charles Pierce

WATERLOO — Charles L. Pierce, 63, of Waterloo passed away on Saturday, August 21, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Pierce

Born September 22, 1946 in Battle Creek, Michigan, he graduated from Pennfield High School (Battle Creek) in 1964. He attended the University of Michigan and received a Bachelor of Science degree in aerospace engineering. He attended the University of Maryland for further studies.

Charles worked in Washington, D.C., helping to design the Metro System. He later worked at Lockheed Missiles and Space Company in Sunnyvale, California and retired from Navistar in Ft. Wayne.

He was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

He enjoyed woodworking, home construction projects, train trips, camping, boating and sailing and model train and sailboat building.

Charles is survived by his wife, Diana (Cox) Pierce, and their three children, Andie, Sara and Will, all of Waterloo; a sister, Sharon (Pierce) Ebert of Leonidas, Michigan; and nieces and a nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Basil Pierce and Edna (Jarvis) Pierce McTague and his stepfather, Bruce McTague.

Services will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, August 25, 2010, at Shaw Funeral Home, Battle Creek.

Interment will be at Floral Lawn Memorial Gardens, Battle Creek.

Memorial donations may go to the American Cancer Society or an organization of one's choice.

Shaw Funeral Home of Battle Creek is in charge of arrangements.

William Kennedy Jr.

FREMONT — William Lee Kennedy Jr., 69, of Little Otter Lake died Monday, August 23, 2010, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

He was born in Auburn on April 11, 1941, to William Lee and Mary Ellen (Hull) Kennedy Sr. His mother has passed away and his father survives in Waterloo.

He Co-Owned and Operated D, K and L Construction, then Kennedy and Ross Construction and then worked as a mason for Auburn Concrete until 2000.

He was a member of the Fremont Moose Lodge 2034 and a former member of the Waterloo Police Department.

He married Teresa Black on November 30, 1985, in Angola and she survives.

He is also survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Lisa Burnett of Auburn and Cindy and Todd Hall of Auburn; a son Michael Kennedy Sr. of Hudson; six grandchildren, Caresse Raiber, Ryan Storrjohann, Kipton Hall, Alexis Hall, Michael Kennedy Jr. and Gabriel Kennedy; a great-grandson, Lucas Strahn; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Sally and Milo Weingart of Green Valley, Ariz., Gertrude and Edward Durning of Waterloo and Susan Kennedy of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his mother and a sister, Janice Dewitt.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, August 26, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, IN. Calling is Thursday from 2 until the service at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Steuben County Humane Society, American Cancer Society or Alzheimer's Association.

James L. Tackett

KENDALLVILLE — James L. Tackett, age 24, of Kendallville, Ind., died Monday, August 23, 2010, at 4:52 a.m. due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident in LaGrange, Ind.

Mr. Tackett

He was born on September 12, 1985, in Kendallville, Ind., to Walker and Lynda (Miller) Tackett.

He was a 2004 graduate of East Noble High School and was formerly employed at Star Craft in Goshen, Ind.

He liked fishing and was an avid morel mushroom hunter.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Walker and Willa D. Tackett of Kendallville, Ind.; three sisters, Anna Pack and Patty Vanhoose, both of Paintsville, Ky., and Elizabeth Mason of Rome City, Ind.; and two brothers, Emmons J. Tackett and Walker J. Tackett, both of Powhatan, Va.

He was preceded in death by his mother in 2008 and a brother, Charles L. Tackett in 2002.

Visitation for James will be held on Friday, August 27, 2010, from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. at the House of Prayer Baptist Church, S.R. 327, Corunna, Ind.

The funeral service will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2010, at 10 a.m. at the church with Pastor Earl Tackett, Earl Bolen and David Bolen officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery, Corunna, Ind.

Memorials for James may be given to The House of Prayer Baptist Church, Corunna, Ind.

Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, Ind.

Donald Snyder

ASHLEY — Donald James "DJ" Snyder, 18, of Ashley passed away Tuesday, August 24, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be from 6-9 p.m. today and from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Michael and Cynthia Snyder.

A full obituary will appear in Friday's edition.

Vivian Beerbower

LEO — Vivian E. Beerbower, 88, died Tuesday, August 24, 2010 at Manor House Assisted Living, Antwerp, Ohio.

Mrs. Beerbower

Mrs. Beerbower worked in the licensing department of North American Van Lines.

She was a graduate of Antwerp High School with the class of 1939 and attended Cleary College.

Mrs. Beerbower was a member of North Scipio Methodist Church in Harlan and the Home Ec Club.

She was born Jan. 18, 1922, in Antwerp, the daughter of Ed and Mable (Ruger) Stevenson. She married Ray Beerbower on Oct. 20, 1945. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Ned (Linda) of Edgerton, Ohio, and Matthew (Kim) of Auburn, Ind.; a daughter, Vicki Beerbower of Fort Wayne, Ind; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a granddaughter; one brother; and two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at North Scipio United Methodist Church with visitation one hour prior to service. The Rev. Keith Schreffler will officiate. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Harlan.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio.

Memorials may be made to North Scipio United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com

Donald Snyder

ASHLEY — Donald James "DJ" Snyder, 18, of Ashley passed away Tuesday, August 24, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Mr. Snyder

He was a senior at DeKalb High School. He worked at Stockwell Dairy Farm in Hudson where he was a pro skid-loader driver.

He was very active in 4-H with his dairy projects and also belonged to the FFA organization.

He enjoyed playing basketball, and was an avid Indianapolis Colts fan. He was a class clown and enjoyed sharing his smile with everyone he met. He was very compassionate with a heart of gold. He had a love and trust in music and enjoyed spending time with his many family members, friends, and especially his siblings.

DJ's inspiration in life was to graduate, become a farmer, and marry Autumn Worman.

DJ was born on September 27, 1991, to Michael A. and Cynthia M. (McGinnis) Snyder. They survive in Ashley.

Also surviving are three sisters, Jennifer Payne and her husband George of Ashley, Melissa Snyder and her fiance Michael Karnes of Greenfield, and Christina Snyder and her fiance Zeb Omspacher of Angola; two brothers, Michael Snyder Jr. of Ashley, and Gary Snyder of Ashley; the love of his life, Autumn Worman of Ashley; two nephews, Cole Omspacher of Angola, and Gavin Payne of Ashley who were both loved very much by their uncle DJ; and several special uncles, aunts, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Donald E. and Barbara E. (Baumgartner) Snyder; maternal grandparents, James W. and Eleanor G. (Britcher) McGinnis; and a special aunt, Sharon Boese.

Pallbearers honoring DJ are: Michael Snyder, Gary Snyder, Trevor Hoyer, Zeb Omspacher, Tyler Conley, Karl Sliger, Devon Barnhart, and Brandon Bacon.

If you have a special momento or picture, please bring it and share it with everyone.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Percy Young officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Michael and Cynthia Snyder.

Stanley Muzzillo

AUBURN — Stanley Dale Muzzillo, 78, of Auburn suffered a stroke on Saturday, August 20, 2010, and was taken to Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. On Wednesday August 25, 2010, surrounded by his family, he went to be with his Lord and Savior.

Mr. Muzzillo

Stan was born in Auburn on March 20, 1932, to Louis and Angeline (Caterina) Muzzillo.

He was a U.S. Army Korean War veteran. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service, retiring in 1990 as Postmaster of the LaOtto Post Office. He also prepared Income Tax Returns for many area residents for over 40 years.

He was a member of the Church of Christ, 10th and Jackson Streets, Auburn.

He was a 1950 graduate of Auburn High School. He was a member of Bridgewater Golf Course and a former member of Greenhurst Country Club.

He married Janet Debes on July 2, 1955, in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Avilla and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David G. and Debra K. Muzzillo of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Dianne Sue and Rex Reynolds of Auburn, Lisa Ann and John Cordes of Garrett and Lori Ann and Charles Hanes of Avilla; 10 grandchildren, Chad D. Muzzillo, Matthew (Christan) Cordes, Lauren Cordes, Jessica Cordes, Carly Reynolds, Jesse Reynolds, Colton Reynolds, Madalyn Hanes, Jacob Hanes and Lucas Hanes; a great-grandson, Johnathon Muzzillo; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Louis Wayne and Phyllis Muzzillo of Auburn and Pete and Thais Muzzillo of Sebring, Florida; and four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Louise Shanabarger of Avilla, Erma and Max Wappes of Auburn, Margie Weaver of Wabash and Sue and Douglas Kelly of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two daughters in infancy, Diane Lyn and Mary Angeline Muzzillo; a nephew he raised, David Hamman; and two brothers Ralph Muzzillo and Arthur Muzzillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, August 29, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Toby Miller officiating.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Saturday from 2 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

The family asks that memorials be directed to Riley's Children's Hospital or Church of Christ, 10th and Jackson Streets, Auburn, IN 46706

STAR
August 29 2010 Auburn, Indiana

A life of faith and family

Genevieve Hasselman was a wonderful, caring woman

BY DENNIS HARTKER
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KENDALLVILLE — She showed her family love, brought them joy and made them laugh for the 91 years she spent with them.

Genevieve J. Hasselman was a wonderful, caring woman, her children will say when anyone asks them about their mother. If she knew someone was sick, she would make a special effort to find how they were and always sent cards or visited.

Mrs. Hasselman died Saturday, Aug. 7.

She came from a family of nine children, and her surviving family includes six daughters, 12 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, a brother, a sister and several nieces and nephews.

"Our mother loved her children, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren," said her daughters, Carol Stoneburner, Joan Ackerman, Sue Stephan, Sally Fitch, Janet Hunter and Debra K. Bruce. She attended many school and church functions for them all. "We all have special memories of her being there for us," they said.

Joan remembers how her mother was always available to care for her sons at a moment's notice while she worked.

"She fixed their favorite food, one being her homemade noodles, and spent time with the boys," they said.

Her twin daughters, Sue and Sally, have loving memories of birthdays.

"We had double the fun, and two cakes made into the shape of a butterfly," they recalled. "She taught us to cook, clean, sew, and can and freeze produce from the garden — skills she knew we would need throughout our lives."

Mrs. Hasselman also gave her daughters an appreciation for flowers. Today most of them have flower gardens.

Her daughter, Carol, remembers what happened when she was 5 years old and thought she could fly: "I stood at the top of the stairs, then backed up and ran and tried to fly down the staircase. Of course I couldn't fly, and I was injured. Mother picked me up and kissed my bruises. That was my mother."

Mrs. Hasselman graduated from Avilla High School in 1937, and married Walter Menzel on Dec. 18, 1938, at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. He preceded her in death in October 1952. She later married Ralph Henry Hasselman on Aug. 29, 1954, at Zion Lutheran Church in Corunna. Mr. Hasselman passed away June 10, 2003.

Mrs. Hasselman was a lifelong homemaker and a hard-working farm wife on the family farm near Helmer. After the death of her first husband in a car accident, she was left to raise and care for four young daughters and a newly purchased farm. She milked the cows, planted the crops and took care of her large garden of fruits, vegetables and flowers.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Genevieve Hasselman of Kendallville, seated center, is surrounded by her six daughters. From left are Sally Fitch, Joan Ackerman and Carol Stoneburner, all of Kendallville, Janet Hunter of Corunna, Sue Stephan of Kendallville and Debra K. Bruce of Corunna.

In 1954, she met and married Ralph Hasselman at Zion Lutheran Church where they both attended. He was widower with a young daughter, Janet. During their 49-year marriage, they had a daughter, Debra Kay. Together they raised six daughters.

"Each of us sisters thought Debra was our special baby to care for and love. Debra kept our mother young, and through our mother's illness, Debra was always there for her," said Carol.

Throughout their lives, Mr. and Mrs. Hasselman remained Christians. In 1938 she was confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. At Zion Lutheran Church she was active in the Ladies Aid and the Altar Guild, and Zion Lutheran School's parent-teacher organization.

She was also an active member at St. John Lutheran Church.

"She had a heart for outreach to those who didn't know how much God loves them," said St. John Lutheran Church Pastor Paul Griebel. "She was a faithful attendee at worship services, and regularly attended Bible classes until her health prevented her from doing so."

Her daughter, Janet, knew how important it was for her mother to attend church on Sunday mornings. Her mission after Mr. Hasselman passed away was to see that her mother got to church every Sunday and then out to breakfast with the family.

Mrs. Hasselman's favorite meal was lobster. Her daughters would invite her to lunch with them thinking soup and a sandwich. Their mother was thinking lobster at St. James Restaurant in Avilla. "Even when she was in the hospital, we took her a lobster tail," said Carol.

Her grandchildren loved their grandmother's homemade noodles. She made them for holiday celebrations.

In addition to working on their farm, Mrs. Hasselman worked at the Trenton Garment Factory in Kendallville, Monsanto in Ligonier, Puritan Ice Cream in Kendallville and the Lutheran Home in Kendallville until she retired in the early 1970s.

No matter how busy she was raising a family and working on the farm or at other jobs, Mrs. Hasselman made time for praying and reading the Bible, said Griebel. One of her favorite Bible verses was: "If we live, we live to the Lord: and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord." (Romans 14:8).

Mrs. Hasselman is buried in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Nedra Trittipo

LIGONIER — Nedra I. Trittipo, 80, of Ligonier died Aug. 27, 2010, at 4:20 p.m. at Avalon Village in Ligonier from natural causes.

She was born April 27, 1930, in Noble County to George and Helen (Caldwell) Ball.

Mrs. Trittipo

On May 13, 1948, she married Kenneth W. Trittipo. He preceded her in death Jan. 21, 2005.

A lifetime area resident, she was a retired secretary for the U.S. FHA loan office in Albion. She graduated from Albion High School in 1948 and was a member of the Kimmell United Methodist Church, where she served as treasurer and on many other committees. She was also a member of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are one brother: George Burnell Ball of Syracuse; two sisters and a brother-in-law: Nancy and Iris Lewis of Claypool and Kathy Robarge of Goshen.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and one brother, Lyle Ball.

Services will be at 10 a.m., Monday at the Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier. Pastor Rachel Bales-Case of Kimmell United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Visitation will be today from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kimmell United Methodist Church, 2861 N. Hitler St., Kimmell, Ind. 46760.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier handling arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Stella Miller

AUBURN — Stella Hamm Miller, 90, died Aug. 27, 2010.

Mrs. Miller was born in Lockport, N.Y., on Sept. 17, 1919, to Irene and Carl S. Hamm. She was the sister of the late Carl S. Hamm, Marcia Horanburg Lorrish and Col. John Richard Hamm Ret. USAF. She married the late Arthur C. Miller on Nov. 18, 1939.

In 1958, she relocated to Auburn. She was employed by the DeKalb County Central United School District and served as the secretary to the superintendent of schools and the board of education for 16 years. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church.

Mrs. Miller relocated to Englewood, Fla. in August 20000. She was a member of St. Rafael's Catholic Church.

Mrs. Miller is survived by two daughters: Dohna Holocher of Englewood, Fla., and Elaine Schwenk of Miller Place, N.Y., and two sons: Arthur C. Miller Jr. of Boynton Beach, Fla., and Bradley Miller of New York, N.Y.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, two nephews and a niece.

Funeral arrangements will be private and conducted at a later date in Auburn at the convenience of the family. There will be no visitation. Interment will be in the Catholic Cemetery in Auburn.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Building Fund of St. Rafael's Catholic Church, 770 Kilbourne Ave., Englewood, Fla. 34223.

Marlene Gecowets

ANGOLA — Marlene Kay Feick Gecowets, 74, of Angola died at 11:46 a.m. Friday, Aug. 27, 2010, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

She was born March 27, 1936, in Garrett to Dale and Lucille (Mager) Feick, and they preceded her in death.

Mrs. Gecowets

She was the head surgical nurse at DeKalb Memorial Hospital for 16 years, retiring in 2003. She married Robert E. Gecowets on Oct. 24, 1986, in Auburn, and he survives in Angola.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn, Steuben County Habitat For Humanity, the Master Gardeners Association, Sweet Adelines, Tri Kappa and was a proud member of the Class of 1954 at Garrett High School.

She is survived by her husband: Robert E. Gecowets, Angola; fours sons and daughters-in-law, Rick and Janeen Getts, Auburn; Roger and Pamela Getts, Orland; Ron and Kelly Getts, Garrett; and Rob Getts, Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters: Beth Davis, Hudson, and Lori Hutchins, Pleasant Lake; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dale "Hunk" and Darian Feick, Angola, and Fred "Fritz" and Dorothy Feick, Elkhart; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with the Rev. Tom Smith officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Memorials are to the Garrett Community Center

To send a condolence or sign the online register book, visiting the website www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Richard Glassie

WATERLOO — Richard J. "Dick" Glassie, 76 of Waterloo died Sunday, Aug. 29, 2010, at his home in Waterloo.

Mr. Glassie was chief engineer at McCray Hospital in Kendallville for 18 1/2 years, retiring in 1999. After his retirement, he worked for Home Depot in Auburn for 7 1/2 years. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo.

Mr. Glassie

He was born July 3, 1934, in Chicago, Ill., to Joseph and Margaret (Benora) Glassie. He married Nancy Wren on June 23, 1995, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Glenn (Carol) Glassie of Hampshire, Ill., Joseph Glassie of Roselle, Ill., and Rick (Jennifer) Glassie of Huntington; three daughters, Pam (Gary) Krieg of Palatine, Ill., Cindy (Larry) Borre of Queen Creek, Ariz., and Cara (Greg) Davis of San Antonio, Texas; two stepsons, Albert "Skip" Paluchniak of Goshen and Trent Paluchniak of South Bend; four stepdaughters, Brandi (Jeff) Burns of Auburn, Regina Paluchniak of Cromwell, Cheryl (Kyle) Priem of Goshen and Katherine Hendrickson of Goshen; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; 12 stepgrandchildren; one stepgreat-grandchild; a brother, Charles (Mary) Glassie of Shamburg, Ill.,; and a sister, Linda (Fred) Czlapinski of Mesa, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Ann Mack, Norma Mahl and Dolly Buckley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday with a rosary at 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to DeKalb County Heart Association.

Anna Green

EDGERTON, Ohio — Anna J. Green, age 76, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 4:45 p.m. on Saturday, August 28, 2010, at Northern Lakes Care Center in Angola, Indiana, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Green

Mrs. Green was a cook for many years at Park View Nursing Center in Edgerton and Harborside Care Center in Bryan, Ohio. She then worked at Air Way Manufacturing in Edgerton for 10 years.

She was a member of Bryan Eagles Aerie 2233 and a former member of Bryan AmVets Post 54.

She enjoyed the outdoors, camping and cooking and loved to dress up at Halloween. She won the best costume for age 50 and older and the oldest in costume many times in Edgerton.

Anna J. Green was born on February 19, 1934, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the daughter of Harold C. and Adah (Guinn) Frazier. She married Edwin A. Entenman and he preceded her in death on March 2, 1956. She married Robert E. Green on September 11, 1956, in Waterloo, Indiana, and he preceded her in death on March 6, 1996.

Surviving are her five children, Charles (Kelli) Entenman of Edgerton, Sonja (Kevin) Allgire and Roberta (Robert) Hassett, both of Angola, Robert E. (Janeen) Green II of Bryan, and Harold (Mickie) Green, also of Edgerton; 16 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husbands, preceding her in death were two sisters, Virginia Quinn and Jewell Treesh.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 2, 2010, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton. Services will be held on Friday, September 3, 2010, at 11:30 a.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, with Pastor Byron Adams officiating. Interment will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Memorials may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com

Christopher Mitro

WOODBURN — Christopher Cody Mitro, 17, of Woodburn and formerly of Kendallville died Monday, Aug. 30, 2010, at his home following a four-year battle with severe aplastic anemia.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Zion Lutheran Church, 7616 Bull Rapids Road, Woodburn, with Pastor Joe Adams officiating.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville and one hour prior to the services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the family in care of Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, P.O. Box 165, Spencerville, IN 46788.

Eleanor Bowser

GARRETT — Eleanor J. "Joan" Bowser, 85, died Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor Nuring Home surrounded by her family.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. today at Thomas Funeral Home at Garrett and from 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Joe Fichtner of Our Hope Lutheran Church in Huntertown officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery at Huntertown.

Memorials are to the Huntertown Volunteer Fire Department or Our Hope Lutheran Church at Huntertown.

Send condolences or sign the on-line register book by visiting: www.thomasfuneralhome.org

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Zimmer: A man of mind, body

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ANGOLA — Donald Zimmer, a retired Tri-State University history professor who strongly believed in education — living and promoting it through scholarly pursuits — died Aug. 27 at his Columbus home. He was 81.

Mr. Zimmer was born July 1, 1929 in Cleveland to Francis and Mildred Perry Zimmer.

From 1948 to 1950, he served in the U.S. Army and taught soldiers how to fuel missiles.

Family members said education was a huge part of his life. Mr. Zimmer earned his bachelor's degree from Ohio University, then taught Latin and history at St. Mark's School in Salt Lake City. For a short time, he worked at Hercules Powder Co., then went on to teach Latin, history, and government at Indianapolis' Tudor Hall. After writing a history of Madison to 1850, he earned his Ph.D.

Mr. Zimmer was professor of history and government at then Tri-State University with an emphasis on urban history and city building. He taught there for 30 years. It was during that time he wrote a history of Rush County. His longtime friend and colleague, Tom Tierney, described Mr. Zimmer as a renaissance man.

"A strongly religious and a fiercely loving family man, Don loved to torment his friends by playing the devil's advocate," Tierney wrote by e-mail. "He'd love to back you into a corner trying to defend what both you and he knew was right. If you resorted to emotion, he had won. Believe me, I've been there.

"I suspect he did a bit of that to his students as well. While teaching history, he also taught them the value of careful argumentation with reason and employing unbiased sources and how a democracy can only thrive with this kind of deliberation. He is much needed in this political climate.

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The late Donald Thomas Zimmer holds his grandson, Donald Francis Zimmer, in 1982. His grandson is now a physician at the Mayo Clinic.

"He loved the life of the mind. A historian, he stocked his well with information from multiple fields and with arguments and counterarguments. I learned much about domestic architecture from him, even during our last talk a month or so ago. He worked with both his mind and his hands. He not only studied architecture, he did it, as a carpenter both early in life and later. On the whole, he was a man of mind and action, with great love for family, religion and friends."

On Feb. 4, 1956, Mr. Zimmer married his wife, Elaine in South Euclid, Ohio. They were married 55 years, a feat their son, Dr. Matthew Zimmer, an Angola veterinarian, said is rare today: "He had a loyalty to (Tri-State), her, and his family. I think that's more unique."

Mr. Zimmer enjoyed tennis, bicycling, skiing, and chess with his wife and grandchildren. Matt said his father had a competitive spirit and liked individual sports, despite battling Parkinson's Disease for the last 15 years of his life.

"He influenced all of his kids to pursue education," Matt said. "He loved to debate, talk and argue. He liked to talk about topics. He loved to teach."

Matt said his father built or remodeled something every summer. He built dollhouses for all of his granddaughters and the stalls at Matt's veterinary practice and farm. But Mr. Zimmer did it without wanting any attention.

Another one of his sons, Mike of Angola, an electrician, said his father was bullheaded and firm. "He was a disciplinarian. He worked hard and provided for us. He taught perseverance and to set goals," Mike said and noted his father did not like chicken or hot dogs.

Mike noted his dad was up on a ladder at age 81, despite his Parkinson's, fixing something when he fell and broke his hip a short time ago.

Mr. Zimmer was a member of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church.

Mr. Zimmer survived by his wife, Elaine; children Mark (Jill) Zimmer, Philip (Christina) Zimmer, MaryLynn (David) Glass, all of Columbus; Dr. Matthew (Susan) Zimmer and Michael (Sara) Zimmer, all of Angola; 14 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Francis (Jeanette) Zimmer of Cleveland. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, James Zimmer.

A mass of Christian burial was held Thursday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola. Arrangements were handled by Myers-Reed Chapel in Columbus. In keeping with Mr. Zimmer's wishes, he was cremated. Memorials may be made to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.

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E. Jean McCann

BUTLER — E. Jean McCann, 82, died Thursday, Sept. 2, 2010 at her home.

She worked at Commercial Shearing, Magnavox, Stanadyne, and Accurate Accounting.

She was born on June 27, 1928 in Leo to Homer and Myrtle (Akey) Deventer. She married Robert "Red" McCann on April 5, 1947 in LaPorte, Ind. He preceded her in death on March 20, 2000.

She was a member of Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church.

Surviving are: four daughters, Vicki (Dick) Grogg of Butler, Robyn (Don) Hollman of Butler, Susan (Bruce) Harrold of Greybull, Wy., and Penny Houser and Terry Helf of Flintstone, Ga.; a brother, Burnell Deventer of Leo; three sisters, Everlyn Walter of Auburn, Eloise Gephart of Fort Wayne, and Carol Ahlersmeyer of Fort Wayne; eleven grandchildren; and eleven great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her husband, were: her parents; a son, Rick McCann; three brothers, Oscar Deventer, Ronald Deventer and Lee Deventer; and a sister, Garnet Deventer.

Services will be Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2010 at 10 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Mike Halferty officiating.

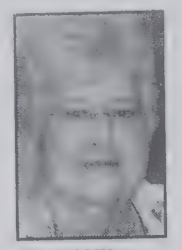
Calling will be Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2010 from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to DeKalb Hospice.

To view a video tribute or send condolences online to hekjohnsonfh.com.

Helen Wilson

BUTLER — Helen Louise Wilson, 88, of Butler died Saturday, September, 4, 2010, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.


Mrs. Wilson

Mrs. Wilson was a clerk for Harold's Super Value/ Sutton's Super Value for several years. She was also a homemaker.

She was a member of the Butler Church of Christ. She was a former charter member of the American Legion Post 202 of Butler.

She was born on June 3, 1922, in DeKalb County, to James Ernest and Clarissa (Poper) Olds.

She married Keith Wilson on June 8, 1941, at the Butler Church of Christ. He passed away March 21, 1991.

She is survived by four daughters and sons-in-law, Ricky Houser of Butler; Cindy Chorpenning of Sturgis, Michigan, Bonny and Ken Dyson of Butler, and Wendy and Richard Spencer of Westerville, Ohio; a sister, Donna Steffe of El Cajon, California; eight grandchildren and spouses, Brent Houser, Janel and Mat Jacobs, Jason and Chris Chorpenning, Ryan and Robyn Chorpenning, Daniel Hooley, Michael Hooley, Jennifer Spencer, and Douglas Spencer; and six great grandchildren, Ayshia Houser, Jadyn Jacobs, Mason Chorpenning, Molly Chorpenning, Richard (Shirley) Furtado, and Matthew Chorpenning.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, a brother, Victor Olds; three sisters, Faye Blaker Duesler, Gertrude Olds, and Kathryn Tomlinson; and two sons-in-law, Ronald Houser, and Dr. Reg Chorpenning.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Butler Church of Christ, 173 West Oak Street, Butler, with John Schaaf officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and from 10-11 a.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the Butler Church of Christ or the Butler Public Library.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences go to fellerand clark.com

James Houghton

AUBURN — James D. Houghton, 65, died Sunday, September 5, 2010, with his family by his side at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

He was born in Auburn, IN on April 11, 1945 to the late Paul Delbert & Magdalene Gladys (Conner) Houghton. He married Betty Mae Allman on May 5, 1985 in Montpelier, OH.

Mr. Houghton

Jim worked as a tool & die maker for General Electric for 40 years. He was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, the church choir, Smock Senior Ministries, former elder of the church, GE Apprentice Alumni, GE Retirees Club, and the Quarter Century Club. He enjoyed spending time with his family and had a passion for photography. Since his retirement, he enjoyed working at the Friends table at the church.

Surviving are: his wife, Betty Houghton of Auburn; a son, Timothy Houghton of South Bend; two daughters and a son-in-law, JoLynn and Jim Conley of Waterloo and Heather Houghton of Auburn; two grandsons, Travis and Tyson Conley; a brother and sister-in-law David and Barb Houghton of Fort Wayne; and a sister and brother-in-law, Nanci and Raymond Carnahan of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Miriam Dawn Houghton in 1934.

Calling will be held on Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Auburn Presbyterian Church, 111 W. 12th Street Auburn. Services will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. with calling one hour prior at the church with Pastor Lyle Ewing & Pastor Bill Haworth officiating. Burial is in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials to DeKalb County Humane Society at 5221 US Hwy 6, Butler, IN 46721 or the Auburn Presbyterian Church Choir at 111 W. 12th St. Auburn, IN 46706.

Arrangements are by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Eldon Keller

BUTLER — Eldon LeRoy Keller, 83, of Butler died Monday September 6, 2010 at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mr. Keller

He was born May 13, 1927 in Union Township in DeKalb County to Floyd H and Mildred K. (Rohm) Keller.

He worked for Dana Corporation in Auburn for 36 years retiring in January 1984. He was a WW II U.S. Navy veteran and was a member of the Butler American Legion Post 202.

He married Genieve Ginder on May 31, 1947 in Butler and she died November 9, 2000.

He is survived by a son and daughter in law, Dennis and Beth Keller of St. Joe; a daughter and son in law, Linda and Stephen Cole of Butler; 5 grandchildren, Scott Keller, Jan (Zach) Hulbert, Megan (Kurt) Lehman, Brandylin (Omar Brito) Cole and Keith Cole; 6 great grandchildren; 3 sisters and a brother in law, Violet Provines of Butler, Carol Cumings of Auburn and Sue and Jerry Surface of Butler; 2 sisters-in-law, Maxine Keller of Waterloo and Marian Keller of Michigan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, a grandson, Bradley Keller, and 3 brothers, Floyd Keller Jr., Harold Keller and Leonard Keller.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 South Wayne Street, Waterloo. Graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m. in Scipio Cemetery, Harlan.

Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials can be directed to Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church or the Butler American Legion Scholarship Fund. To view the obituary online or to send condolences go to fellerandclark.com

Helena Wolpert

GARRETT — Helena M. Wolpert, 95, of Garrett, died Sunday, September 5, 2010 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born March 20, 1915 in Decatur, the daughter of the late John and Rose Miller.

She had worked for Kroger in Garrett and Auburn, and had also worked at White's Westwood in Auburn. She was a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Vonda Wolpert of Garrett; grandson, TJ Wolpert of Garrett; and a brother, Cletus Miller of Decatur.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman Wolpert; two brothers and one sister.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday 11 a.m. at Saint Joseph Catholic Church 300 W. Houston Street Garrett., with the Rev Andrew Nazareth officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the mass. Burial is in in Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials are to Saint Joseph Catholic School. To sign the online guest book, visit www.pinnington mccomb.com

Steve Tieman

BUTLER — Steve Wayne Tieman, age 62, of Butler died on Monday, September 6, 2010, at his residence near Butler.

Mr. Tieman

Mr. Tieman was born in Wolf Lake, Indiana, on December 4, 1947, to the late Richard Wayne and Mildred Ilene (Mullendore) Tieman. His father died March 9, 2005, and his mother died October 20, 1996.

He graduated from Huntertown High School in 1967.

He married Millie Faye Collins on May 17, 1969, at the Wallen United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne.

He was a retired military man and employed in the Civil Service as a branch chief of weapons and maintenance supervisor with the Indiana Air National Guard. He retired as a Chief Master Sergeant on December 31, 1999, after 34 years of service in the Air National Guard.

He was activated several times, the latest being to Kuwait during Desert Storm in 1997 for 62 days.

Steve was a proud member of the Kendallville American Legion Post 86.

Steve was a wonderful husband, father and grandpa "pawga."

He especially enjoyed having his grandkids around and and spending time with them.

He loved his dogs and he was an avid fisherman. He would fish every season, all year long.

Steve also enjoyed deer hunting, IU basketball and NASCAR. Dale Earnhart Jr. and Marcus Ambrose were his favorite drivers. He taught guitar in his earlier days, obtained his private pilot license and enjoyed traveling.

Survivors include his wife, Millie Tieman of Butler; three daughters, Shelly and Jeff Shultz of Butler, Laura and Tony Berry of Garrett and Christena Huff and Shane Hand both of Garrett; a son, Steven John Franklin Tieman of Butler; 15 grandchildren, Collin Diehl, Kaylie Diehl, Christopher Tieman, Benjamin Rollins, Cory Shultz, Randy Rollins, Kelsi Rollins, Trenton Huff, Tarese Huff, Taevyn Shultz, Victoria Berry, Tanner Huff, Kennedy Berry, Trae Hand, and Taylor Hand.

Visitation will be Thursday, September 9, 2010, from 3-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, September 10, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Kevin Marsh from the Butler United Methodist Church. Burial with full military honors will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Casketbearers will be Steve's grandsons, Christopher, Benjamin, Randy, Cory, Trenton, Tanner and Trae.

Preferred memorials may be made to A.L.S. Association of Indiana.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Steven by Thursday at www.hitefuneralhome.com or Find Us On Facebook.com.

Martha Ring

PORTLAND — Martha Jo Ring, 79, of rural Portland died Monday, Sept. 6, 2010, at Harbour Manor Health in Noblesville.

Mrs. Ring

Mrs. Ring graduated from Portland High School in 1948 and earned a master's degree in education from Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

She taught at J.E. Ober Elementary School in Garrett for 10 years and at Anderson Christian School until her retirement.

Mrs. Ring was a member of the Southside Church of Christ in Portland, Jay County Historical Society, Jay County Genealogy Society and the Plant, Hoe and Hope Garden Club in Portland.

She was born Dec. 10, 1930, in Portland to Homer and Gertrude (Metz) Smith. She married Bradie Anderson on June 23, 1953, and he died Aug. 6, 1984. She then married Kermit Ring on May 15, 1999. He survives in Portland.

Also surviving are four sons, Keith and Julie Anderson of Beaumont, Texas, Dennis and Gay Anderson of Columbia, Tenn., Curtis and Sue Anderson of Waterloo and Stuart and Evie Anderson of Carmel; a brother, Dale Smith; two sisters, Virginia Ashley of Daleville and Edith and Bill Stowers of Arlington, Va.; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday in the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Flint Redwine will officiate and burial will follow in the Christian Union Cemetery, west of Garrett, Ind.

Memorials are to the Jay County Historical Society.

Carl Hatton

LAOTTO — Carl Walter Hatton, age 88, died on Wednesday, September 8, 2010, at 2:45 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

He was born in Hazard County, Kentucky, on March 4, 1922, and was the son of Ben and Nancy (McPherson) Hatton. He came to the area at the age of 16 from Kentucky.

On September 13, 1946, in Garrett he married Lenora Cobbs. She survives in LaOtto.

He retired from International Harvester as a truck operator after 30 years of service.

He served his country as a tank driver in the United States Army during World War II. He served under General Patton in the Battle of the Bulge.

He was also a farmer and a welder.

He loved to play cards, tinker in his garage, and work in his garden. He loved to tell good stories and spend time with his grandchildren.

Other survivors include three sons, Steve Hatton of Avilla, Delbert Hatton of LaOtto and Darrell Hatton of Garrett; three daughters, Karen Cordial of Huntertown, Sharon (Tim) Mueller of Hoagland and Bonnie (Jerald) Myers of Avilla.

Mr. and Mrs. Hatton also raised three grandchildren ,Darla (Brian) Mueller Buckles of Avilla, Carl (Kat) Cordial of Avilla, and Ella Cordial of Indianapolis. Also surviving are nine additional grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; a brother, George Hatton of New Haven; and three sisters.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers; five sisters; and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services for Mr. Hatton will be Saturday, September 11, 2010, at 3 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Pastor Thomas Dunbar will officiate.

Visitation will be on Friday from 5 until 7 p.m. at the funeral home, and also one hour prior to the funeral on Saturday.

Burial will be at Perry Township Cemetery in Huntertown. Military graveside services will be conducted.

Lance Robinson

KENDALLVILLE — Lance Robinson, age 64, died Tuesday, September 7, 2010, at 11:35 a.m. surrounded by his family at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Robinson

He was born in Martin, Kentucky, on May 6, 1946, to the late Bertha (Robinson) Sammons. He came to Noble County from Kentucky in 1964.

On October 12, 1979, in Kendallville, he married LeAnn S. McCoy. She survives in Kendallville.

He proudly served his country as a sergeant in the United States Army during the Korean War and the Vietnam War. He was a member of the American Legion Post 381 in Rome City and the VFW in Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

Mr. Robinson owned and operated Lance's Auto Sales in Albion.

He was a collector of anything to do with cars, toy cars, and sports memorabilia. He loved all sports including being an avid University of Kentucky basketball fan.

He dearly loved all of his grandchildren and enjoyed spending precious time with them.

Other survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, Jason and Lindy Robinson of West LaFayette, Josh and Tarah Robinson of San Diego, Calif., and Jacob and Becky Robinson of Summerville, S.C.; a daughter, Lindsay Robinson of Kendallville; three grandchildren, Cayden, Karsyn and Kellan Robinson; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Donald and LaVera McCoy of Avilla; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Hedy and Larry Sexton of Garrett, Kentucky, and Jean and Ed Nichols of Ann Arbor, Michigan; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mr. Robinson will be Friday, September 10, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Bethel Christian Baptist Church, 2838 East U.S. 6 in Kendallville. The Rev. Shawn Shepherd and Bret Frick will officiate.

Visitation will be today, Thursday, September 9, from 2 until 8 p.m. at the church, and also one hour prior to the funeral on Friday.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, with military rites conducted by the Rome City American Legion.

Pallbearers will be Josh Troyer, Chad Smith, Ty Miller, Michael Sammons, Jay Brown and Rob Hakey.

Honorary pallbearers will be Audie Ritchie, Eddy Roark, Seth Huff and Blake Graves.

Please make memorials in loving memory of Lance Robinson to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla is in charge of arrangements.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

Kimberly Farren

KENDALLVILLE — Kimberly Temple Farren, age 51, of Garrett died on Friday, September 10, 2010, at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Farren

Kim was born in Kendallville on May 16, 1959, to the late Sanders Edwin and Bonnie Lou (McCann) Temple.

Both of her parents preceded her death in 2007.

She graduated from East Noble High School in 1977 attended Ivy Tech the past few years.

She recently married Mark Steven Farren on August 28, 2010, in the chapel at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Kim was employed as the Clerk-Treasurer for the City of Kendallville for 17 years. She went on to work at the LaGrange County Prosecutor's Office for about two years and currently was the deputy clerk-treasurer for City of Garrett.

She and Mark enjoyed riding their Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Kim was a Harley enthusiast for many years.

Together they loved to travel. They recently traveled to the Mediterranean, Greece, Amsterdam, Egypt and Rome.

She enjoyed landscaping and taking care of things around her house.

Kim loved to read and spend time and create memories with her family and friends.

Survivors include her husband, Mark Farren of Garrett; a son, Dustin Forker of Kendallville; daughter, Kelsey Forker of Kendallville; a stepson, Thomas Farren of Kendallville; a stepdaughter, Andrea Farren of Kendallville; two sisters, Kris Davidson of Kendallville and Annette and Terry Donat of Kendallville; a brother, Kirk and Krystal Temple of Kendallville; a stepbrother, Walter Temple of Kendallville; a stepsister, Sandra Barkey of Bowling Green, Kentucky; and her mother-in-law, Marjorie Taylor of Rome City.

She was preceded in death by Sanders Edwin Temple on September 2007 and Bonnie Lou Temple on March 2007.

Visitation will be Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010, from 2-6 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, Sept. 13, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Scott Pattison.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Kim at www.hitefuneralhome.com or Find Us On Facebook.com

Loyal Bowerman

AUBURN — Loyal I. Bowerman, 90, of Auburn died Friday, September 10, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Bowerman

Loyal was born in Steuben County on July 15, 1920. He was the seventh son born to William and Myrtle (Dailey) Bowerman. His parents and all six of his brothers have preceded him in death.

He owned and operated Bowerman's Meat Market in downtown Auburn.

He was a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church and served for many years on the Finance Committee of the church.

He was elected to the Auburn City Council and served on the Auburn Board of Works. He was liaison to the Electric and Water Department and the Street and Sewer Department. He was elected to the DeKalb County Council and served as President and was Liaison to the Circuit Court, Superior Court, Highway Department, Sheriff's Department and the County Farm.

He was Auburn Republican City Chairman, Precinct Chairman, Chairman of the Auburn Retail Association, past president of Auburn Kiwanis Club and past president of Auburn Chamber of Commerce.

He married Marie Miller on July 28, 1940, in Booneville, Ky., and she survives in Auburn.

He is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Diane Bowerman of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Marvin Smith of Auburn; five grandchildren, Richard (Dee) Bowerman Jr., Scott (Laurie) Bowerman, Amy (CJ) McDowell, Jeff Smith and Deborah (Jim) Blomberg; and six great-grandchildren, Katlyn Smith, Tyler Bowerman, Sabrina Bowerman, Allison Blomberg, Melissa Blomberg and Shaylee McDowell.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday, September 13, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ted Jansen and the Rev. O. Dale Williams officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home and also 1 hour prior to the service Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. Memorials can be directed to Auburn First United Methodist Church.

To view an obituary online or to send condolences go to www.fellerandclark.com

Nonalee Roberts

KENDALLVILLE — Nonalee Utoka Roberts, age 55, of rural Kendallville, died on Friday, September 10, 2010, at the home of her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Arnold and Betty Roberts, north of Kendallville.

Mrs. Roberts

Mrs. Roberts was born in Wawaka, Indiana, on March 30, 1955, to William Paul and DeMaris "Lucy" (Beckner) Musser.

She married her longtime friend and companion Cliff Roberts on June 13, 2010, at the Vinyard Christian Fellowship Church in Rome City.

Nonalee loved to crochet, cross stitch and garden. She loved her dogs, Tinker Bell and Thunder, and she enjoyed spending time outside tending her flowers and growing tomatoes.

Survivors include her husband, Cliff Roberts of rural Kendallville; two sons, Robert David Ramer of Garrett and Mark Allen Ramer of Garrett; three daughters, Julie Lee Geller of Ligonier, Rose Marie Nelson of Crosby, Texas, and Candice Lynn Smith of Georgia; her mother, DeMaris "Lucy" Musser of Wawaka; three brothers, Carlos "Cork" Musser of Topeka, Robert "Bob" Musser of Wawaka and Paul William Musser of Wawaka; and two sisters, Betty Gloor of Ligonier and Annette Ramey of Wawaka.

She was preceded in death by her father, William, died on August 19, 1999.

Visitation will be Monday, September 13, 2010, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, September 14, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Steve Herendeen.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Preferred memorials may be made to family.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com or Find Us On Facebook.com

Susan Collins

KENDALLVILLE — Susan Lee Collins, age 42, died on Wednesday, September 8, 2010, at 6:42 p.m. at Parkview North Hospital's emergency room in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Fort Wayne on May 28, 1968, and was the daughter of Roger L. and Joan E. (Bonville) Hardy. Her father died on October 5, 2006, and her mother survives in Avilla.

She lived in the area all of her life and graduated from East Noble High School in 1986.

On December 12, 1997, in Angola, she married Danny J. Collins. He survives in Kendallville.

She was attending school, majoring in psychology.

Mrs. Collins was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

She enjoyed reading, crocheting and playing Bingo.

Other survivors include two sons, Brett Miller of Chicago and Michael Hardy of Ashley; two daughters, Joanie Hardy of Fort Wayne and Courtney Hardy of Fort Wayne; four stepsons, Chad Collins and Steve Collins, both of Houston, Texas, and Tyler Collins and Bobby Conroy, both of Auburn; four stepdaughters, Dani Collins of Auburn, Lindsey Crompler of Orange, Texas, and Aubrey Collins and Victoria Collins, both of Kendallville; one grandchild, Ellenore Tillotson; and a sister, Michele Hardy of Kendallville.

Funeral services for Mrs. Collins will be Monday, September 13, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. The Rev. Leonard King will officiate.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

Burial following the funeral will be at Wood Lawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Please make memorials in memory of Susan Collins to her family.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

Evelyn Lutz

AUBURN — Evelyn M. Lutz, 80, of Auburn, passed away Friday, Sept. 10, 2010, at her home.

Mrs. Lutz

Born Oct. 3, 1929, in Kent, Ohio, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Marie Olschevski.

On May 15, 1948, she married Paul I. Lutz and he survives in Auburn.

She was the cafeteria manager for DeKalb Central United School District, retiring in 1997 after 26 years. She is a member of Saint Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn and was on the Board of Directors at the Heimach Senior Center Council on Aging where, along with her husband, she delivered senior packs for several years.

Also surviving is a daughter, Kathleen M. Lutz of Warsaw, currently serving as a missionary in Kenya; sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. Scott I. and Caye Lutz of Monticello, Grant I. and Tracy Lutz of Denver, Colo., Todd I. Lutz of Auburn, and Matthew I. Lutz of Indianapolis; grandchildren, Andrea (Jerry) Milliman of Monument, Colo., Sasha Lutz of Auburn, Forrest Lutz of Auburn, Garrett Lutz of Denver and Bethany Lutz of Denver; and great-grandchildren, Olivia and Grace Milliman of Monument.

She was preceded in death by a son, Barrett I. Lutz.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, Oct. 3, at 2 p.m. at Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 W. Ninth Street, Auburn, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating.

Memorials are to Saint Mark's Lutheran Church or the Heimach Center.

Arrangements are by Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

To sign the guest book or to send a condolence card, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Jay Imbody

SPENCERVILLE — Jay R. Imbody, 49, died Friday, Sept. 10, 2010, in Spencerville.

A memorial service will take place Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, with calling one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the family, in care of Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, P.O. Box 165, Spencerville, IN 46788-0165.

Mark White

ANGOLA — Mark S. White, 51, passed away Friday, Sept. 10, 2010, at his home in Angola, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born May 16, 1959, in Evansville to Donald A. and Dolores (Kramer) White. Mark married Susan Bressler on June 15, 2002. He worked at Mid-West Correct Craft in Angola for five years. He was a veteran of the United States Army.

Mark is survived by his father, Donald A. White and dear friend Mary Weisfield, of Abingdon, Va.; his wife, Susan Bressler White of Angola; two sons, Steven White of Butler and Matthew Shepperd of Westfield; two daughters, Elizabeth Shepperd and her fiance, Bryan Woodard, of Fort Wayne, and Whitney White of Indiana.

He is also survived by his brother and sister, Tim White and his companion, Elaine Tibbets, of Angola, Jennifer and her husband, Joe Castro, of Atlanta, Ga.; and his two nieces, Abigail and Maria, and his nephew, Joseph.

Mark was preceded in death by his mother and sister, Nannette Beinlien.

There will be private family services.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society, 1700 N. 200 W., Angola, IN 46703

You may sign the guestbook at www.weichtfh.com

Arrangements are by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Louis Howe

BUTLER — Louis Jr. Howe, 72, of Butler, died Friday, Sept. 10, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on June 11, 1938 in Ontario, Calif., to Louis J. Howe and Roberta Coats.

He formerly worked for Universal Tool for 17 years in the maintenance department.

He married Rita McConnell on Aug. 4, 1956, in Butler, she survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Roberta Stahl of Butler; a son, Steve Howe of Butler; a daughter, CynDee Hopkins of Butler; a brother, William Howe of Auburn; four sisters, Delores Clay of Butler, Garnett Baughman of Auburn, Linda Ray of Hicksville, Ohio, and Joyce Bush of Butler; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, two daughters, Connie Shannon and Coralee Howe, and a brother Russell Coats.

Cremation has taken place. There will be no calling or funeral service at this time.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are by H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

Dustin Gamble

CORUNNA — Dustin Thomas Gamble, 19, of Corunna passed away Saturday, September 11, 2010 as a result of injuries he sustained in an auto accident on August 23, 2010.

Mr. Gamble

He was born June 8, 1991 in Auburn to Tonya (Rottger) and the late Roger "Budgie" Gamble Jr.

Dustin enjoyed being with his friends and family and working. He had worked at Ponderosa in Auburn, where one month he was named employee of the month, and he also worked A-1 Janitorial at Cooper Industrial in Auburn. He was known to his friends as "Dut". Dustin enjoyed playing basketball in the Corunna Park and riding his motorcycle in his spare time.

He was a 2010 graduate of DeKalb High School and had just begun Ivy Tech College in Fort Wayne. Dustin's family was very proud of his accomplishments and loved him very much. He had many friends whom stayed by him after his accident.

He is survived by his mother, Tonya Gamble of Corunna; a brother, Denton Gamble of Corunna; grandparents, Harry and Cindy Rottger of Corunna, Roger Gamble Sr. of Corunna and Betty of Kentucky; uncles, Mark Rottger and Kenny DePew; aunts, Heather DePew, Andrea Gamble, Monica Miller, Beverly Slone; cousins, Zach DePew of Hamilton, Micolea DePew of Auburn, Kelli Rottger of Auburn, Brittany, Jerry, Brandon and Jade, all of Kentucky, and Jared and Danny, both of Milford; and a very special friend, Jordan Gregory of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roger Gamble Jr.; an uncle, Wade Rottger, and grandparents, Thomas and Patricia Farrington and Loss and Ellen Gamble.

Services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2010 at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo with Todd Steere officiating. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery, Corunna. Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, and one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the family.

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She was preceded in death by a son, Barrett I. Lutz.

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Arrangements are by Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

To sign the guest book or to send a condolence card, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Janet Healy

GARRETT — Janet (Bergstrom) Healy, 70, of Garrett passed away Sunday afternoon, September 12, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne with her family by her side.

She was born November 24, 1939, in Avilla to Falconer "Bus" and Hilda Bergstrom.

She lived in California for 25 years before returning to Indiana where she worked and retired from Electric Motors in Garrett.

Janet was a member of the Church of Garrett, a lover of gospel music, and a huge fan of the Colts. She was an avid reader, volunteer, and a social butterfly at Miller's Merry Manor where she resided for the past two years.

She married Myles O. Healy on June 3, 1961, in Garrett. He passed away on August 30, 2003.

Surviving is a son, Patrick Healy of Oregon; a sister and brother-in-law, Vickie and Henry Zecca of Waterloo; a sister-in-law, Lanie Bergstrom of Auburn; six grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two daughters, Valerie (Healy) Brown and Marsha Healy; and a brother, Rick Bergstrom.

Janet was a wonderful mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend to many. She will be in our hearts and missed very much.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Tom Wilcoxson officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-6 p.m. Thursday prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Vickie Zecca.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences please go to www.fellerandclark.com

Harriet Howe

WOLCOTTVILLE — Harriet V. Howe, 83, of Wolcottville died Sunday, September 12, 2010, at 6:25 p.m. in her residence.

Mrs. Howe was a homemaker.

She loved building puzzles, was an avid reader, and was a loving friend and neighbor.

Mrs. Howe

She was born October 22, 1926, in Scotts, Michigan, to Charles and Dorothy M. (Bailey) Sigsby. On April 11, 1960, in Auburn, IND., she married Louis J. Howe. He preceded her in death October 6, 2006.

Surviving are four stepdaughters, Garnett Baughman of Auburn, Delores Clay of Butler, Glenna Howe of West Virginia and Judy Collins of Butler; two stepsons, Charles Howe of Butler and William Howe of Auburn; and several stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a stepdaughter, Marie Howe; and a stepson, Junior Howe.

Funeral services will be Friday, September 17, 2010, at 1 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with Pastor Clarence Combs officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Verlin Myers

ASHLEY — Verlin M. C. Myers, 72, of Ashley died Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Myers was a carpenter.

He has served as a firefighter in the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Myers

Mr. Myers attended Metz Christian Church.

He was born Feb. 16, 1938, in Steuben County to Martin Christopher and Dollie O. (Frick) Myers. He married Dawn L. Blanton on Aug. 25, 1958. She died Dec. 11, 2002.

Surviving are three sons, Denis (Janlynn) Myers of Ft. Mitchell, Ky., Ricky (Tam) Myers of Hamilton and Chris Myers of Ashley; a daughter, LaVonne (John) Rowe of Ashley; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Pleasant Lake Cemetery in Pleasant Lake.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice & Home Health, 416 E. Maumee St., Angola, IN 46703.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com

Douglas Barth

AUBURN — Douglas M. Barth, 56, of Auburn, went to heaven Thursday, September 9, 2010, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

He was born Dec. 26, 1953, in Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

Doug was a Deacon at First Christian Church in Auburn, where he deepened his spiritual guidance and comfort.

Mr. Barth

He was an avid motorcyclist, making frequent trips throughout the United States and Canada, enjoying the open road and culinary delights of both. He also enjoyed many sports, closely following the Cleveland Browns and Indians and never missing a Fort Wayne Komets home game.

Doug never met a stranger in his 20 plus years with Classic Products Corp. in Fort Wayne, Ind., as an over the road salesman and eventually the vice president of sales where he is well respected by all in the bowling industry.

Surviving is his wife of 36 years, Debra J. (Kelly) Barth; a daughter and son in law, Angela and David Hartman of Garrett; his mother and stepfather, Marilyn and Gene Baughman of Upper Sandusky, Ohio; his twin sister, Deb (Dale) Woods of Delaware, Ohio, and a sister, Pam and (Mike) Dick of New Bremen, Ohio; many nieces and nephews; stepgrandchildren; stepgreat-grandchildren; and three grand dogs.

A celebration of Doug's life will take place 10:30 a.m. Saturday, September 25, at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, Ind.

Visitation will be held Friday, Sept 24, from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home and also one hour prior to the celebration of life service.

Memorials are to Methodist Trauma Fund, C/O Methodist Health Fund, 1800 N. Capital Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46207, DeKalb County Humane Shelter, 5221 U.S .6, Butler, IN 46721, First Christian Church, 910 N. Indiana Ave., Auburn, IN 46706 or International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame, 621 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011.

To sign the online guest book, or to send the family a sympathy card, visit www.pinnington mccomb.com

Lisa Wambsganss

AUBURN — Lisa J. Wambsganss, 42, of Auburn died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service Saturday.

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He was preceded in death by his father, Merle L. Barth, and a great-nephew, Tyler Woods.

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Joseph Roop

AUBURN — Joseph F. Roop, 90, of Auburn died Thursday, September 16, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Roop worked at Warner Gear in Auburn for 34 1/2 years before retiring in 1975.

He was a veteran of the United States Army.

He was a member of the Maple Grove United Methodist Church in rural Auburn. He was also a member of the Family Campers and RVers, and the Classic City Horseshoe Club.

He was born on March 7, 1920, in DeKalb County, to Murven and Jenny (Cochran) Roop.

He married Mary V. Shoudel on March 1, 1940, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Vickie Roop of Fort Wayne, and John and Vonda Roop of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Paul McDonald of Corunna; and a sister-in-law and her husband, Patricia and Roger Cline of Butler.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Treva Salyer, Esther Tuttle, and Maryellen McDonald; and a brother, Oston Roop.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Susan Bryden officiating. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery, rural Waterloo.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Maple Grove United Methodist Church.

To view an online obituary of to send condolences please visit www.fellerandclark.com

Billy Parker

AUBURN — Billy Tom Parker, 67, of Auburn died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at New Hope Baptist Church, 2900 N. C.R. 500E, Kendallville, with Pastor Robert Boston officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the Feller & Clark Funeral Home.

To view an online obituary of to send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com

Rosoe Wiggins

WATERLOO — Roscoe A. Wiggins, 76, of Waterloo died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Wiggins, along with his wife, Nellie, were lifetime DeKalb County farmers. They also owned and operated a small rubber stamp business for 30 years.

He attended the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

He was born Feb. 12, 1934, to Earl and Edna (Geeting) Wiggins. He married Nellie M. Rudolph on Jan. 5, 1964, at the Waterloo United Methodist Church. She died Aug. 1, 2010.

Mr. Wiggins

He is survived by two daughters, Jane Wiggins of Waterloo and Janet Wiggins of Auburn; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Marilyn and John Gurtner of Waterloo, and Ruth Carroll of Waterloo; three sisters-in-law, Betty Sebert of Butler, Judy Rudolph of Avilla, and Joann Rudolph of Waterloo; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a sister-in-law, Rhoada Bainbridge; and six brothers-in-law, William Rudolph, Forrest Rudolph, Kenneth Rudolph, Willard Rudolph, Willis Rudolph and Jr. Carroll.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. David Mathews officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

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Thrapp quietly helped community

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KENDALLVILLE — On a recent visit, Noble County chief public defender James Abbs tried to get John C. Thrapp to talk about his days as a star athlete at Kendallville High School.

Thrapp talked very little about himself, despite lettering in three sports three times, Abbs said Thursday. Instead, Thrapp pulled out a yearbook and started telling stories about how great all the other athletes were.

"That was typical John. The focus was always on others, never on himself," Abbs said.

It's a sentiment that many who knew Thrapp expressed this week. Thrapp died Sept. 11 at age 76.

"In life, you get to meet very few special people. John was one of those people," said Thrapp's longtime friend, Michael Yoder. He was the sort of person who did special things for his community and its people every day, and never asked for any credit.

"I'm not sure I know anybody who did more for more people in this community than John and never asked any credit," Yoder said.

"John never wanted to be in the spotlight," said Noble Circuit Judge G. David Laur. Thrapp was just very quietly successful in everything he did.

The son of an attorney, Thrapp became a star athlete at Kendallville High School. Abbs said he was Kendallville's first member of the 1,000 Point Club. Thrapp lettered in three sports for only three years because he had appendicitis one year and couldn't participate, Abbs said.

"He was one of the all-time great basketball players in the state of Indiana," Yoder said. When Thrapp joined the 1,000 Point Club, it was much harder to do than today.

Mr. Thrapp

Senior Judge Robert Probst, who was a year behind Thrapp in high school, said Thrapp was also a great high-jumper and hurdler.

After graduating from Wabash College, Thrapp went to law school at the University of Louisville, Probst recalled. Like Probst — also the son of a lawyer — Thrapp went into the practice of law, and they actually ran against each other for the Republican nomination for Noble County Prosecutor in 1962. Thrapp won and went on to win the general election.

Probst said Thrapp was a man of the highest integrity. "He was just a marvelous person and lawyer," the retired judge said.

Abbs described Thrapp as Noble County's Atticus Finch, referring to the attorney from "To Kill a Mockingbird." Thrapp was probably the county's most competent attorney, but he was quiet about it, Abbs said.

After leaving office as prosecutor, Thrapp continued in the practice of law. When Rudolph Rehwinkel was mayor of Kendallville, Thrapp served as city attorney, Probst said.

Thrapp was also served as the East Noble School Corp. attorney at one time, and was the president of the Noble County Public Defender Board for the last 10 years.

"Our public defender office is probably one of the most progressive there is, and a lot of that is because of John's support," Abbs said.

In his later years, Thrapp focused mainly on estates and elder law.

"When John handled an estate, you just never had any worries whatsoever," Laur said.

Thrapp maintained his law office right up to the end.

"John was the senior member of our practicing bar," Laur said. "He was a wonderful attorney with wonderful stories about the past."

Thrapp and wife Betty had two children, Richard and Susie, each now grown.

The son of a coach and a star high school athlete, Thrapp also worked with his own children, who were top athletes themselves. Susie became the first female basketball player at East Noble High School to join the 1,000 Point Club, Abbs said.

Richard Thrapp followed in the family business as well, becoming an attorney. Today he is a partner in Ice Miller LLC in Indianapolis, one of the state's most prestigious law firms. Susie has also excelled, becoming a successful businesswoman.

All interviewed for this story also spoke of Thrapp's generosity. As in everything else, he preferred to help people behind the scenes, taking no credit, they said.

"He just did a lot of things for a lot of people," Yoder said. "He was a very private person."

Linda Mercer

AUBURN — Linda Jeanne Mercer, 60, of Auburn died Friday, September 17, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Mercer was a school teacher and a nurse for several years. She, and her husband, Tom, moved to Auburn from Crestview Hills, Kentucky in 1996, where she has been a housewife ever since.

Mrs. Mercer

She was a graduate of the University of Kentucky and then went on to receive her Masters Degree in Education from Ball State University.

She was born on December 12, 1949, in Batesville, Indiana to Patrick C. and Doris (Coulthard) Kent. They both preceded her in death.

She married Thomas R. Mercer II on May 22, 1995, in Burlington, Kentucky. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving is a daughter, Dena Lyn Kennett of Arlington, Va.; a step-son, Patrick Mercer who serves in the military and is stationed in Afghanistan; a step-daughter, Desirae Mercer of Winnipeg, Canada; and a sister-in-law and her husband, Lisa Mercer and Richard Reinhard of Florence, Ky.

Services will take place at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, 3227 Dixie Highway, Erlanger, Ky.

Memorials may be directed to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.

Rebecca Cornelius

AUBURN — Rebecca J. Cornelius, 78, of Auburn, died Friday, September 10, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born August 31, 1932, in Sullivan, the daughter of the late Mark and Edna Price. She worked for General Electric in Fort Wayne for 30 years. She was a member of the ELEX and ELPAR clubs at GE and was a member of the Stitch for Charity.

Mrs. Cornelius

She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Greg A. and Denise Cornelius of Fort Wayne, and Joel Cornelius of Kendallville; a daughter, Kelly Tuttle of Cadillac, MI; grandsons, Greg K. Cornelius of Fort Wayne and Keith (Clara) Norris of Decatur; and great-grandchildren, Morgan and Gabriel.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Keith Cornelius.

A memorial service will take place Wednesday 7 p.m. with the Rev. Mike Hamm officiating, and with calling one hour prior at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Dugger Cemetery.

Memorials are to American Cancer Society.

To sign the online guest book or to send a sympathy card, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Rachel Bard

CORUNNA — Rachel E. Bard, 99, of Corunna died Saturday, September 18, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Bard was a homemaker.

She was employed as Corunna's Clerk Treasurer for 24 years. She was also owner and operator of the Corunna Feed Mill with her husband Chester.

She was born June 18, 1911, in Richland Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, to Carl and Vernice (Raub) Becker.

She married Chester Bard. He died in February of 1981.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Don and Sarah Bard of Oliver Lake, and Carl "Jack" Bard of Garrett; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Wilma Bard; and a grandson.

A graveside service will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Corunna Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to The Church at Garrett. To view an online obituary or to send condolence, please visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Becky Bailey

GARRETT — Becky J. Bailey, 54, of Garrett died Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne with her family by her side.

Mrs. Bailey

Mrs. Bailey was a laborer at Magnavox in Garrett for 17 years.

She was born March 13, 1956, in Garrett to Sheldon and Noelys (Hawn) Wallace. She married Grover C. Bailey on Oct. 14, 1972, in Butler and he survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a daughter, Annie Bailey of Garrett; two sons, Noel D. Bailey and Cory B. Bailey, both of Garrett; two grandchildren; and four sisters, Karen Stahley of Nappanee, Jane Sprague of Garrett, Melody Custer of Garrett, and Myra Stone of Cedarburg, Wis.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Tommy Wallace; and sister, Rebecca Wallace.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Thomas Funeral Home at Garrett with the services at 1 p.m. Officiating will be Brother Bud Owen from the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Burial will follow in Big Run Cemetery at rural Butler.

Memorials are to the family to assist with burial expenses.

Send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Evelyn DeVoss

MUNCIE — Evelyn Ida DeVoss, 95, formerly of Butler and Farmland, Ind., passed away Tuesday, September 14, 2010, at Parker Health & Rehab Center.

Mrs. DeVoss

She was born on May 23, 1915, in Coles County, Ill., to the late Martin Glen and C. Jennette Bridges Smith.

Evelyn is a graduate of Butler High School and Ball State University receiving both her bachelor's and master's degrees.

On August 19, 1944 she married Donovan Worth DeVoss in Butler, Ind.

Evelyn was a teacher for 31 years before retiring in 1978. She began teaching in Mudsock and other one-room schools in DeKalb County. She also taught in Winchester, Center, Dunkirk, Ridgeville, Lincoln, Stoney Creek, and Parker City Elementary schools.

She was a member of Farmland United Methodist Church and UMW; Randolph County Rural Couples Club; Randolph Co. Historical Society; Randolph Co. Busy Homemakers Home Ec Club; and the Indiana Retired Teachers.

Evelyn also enjoyed traveling abroad and locally,gardening,genealogy and spending time with her family.

Evelyn is survived by her loving children Dianna Shore (husband Randy) of Farmland and Joseph DeVoss of Grapevine, Texas; a brother George Smith of Reno, Nev.; a sister Lucille Frick of Toledo, Ohio: sisters-in-law, Mary Mae Duvall and Martha DeVoss, both of Farmland; four grandchildren, Dana Ertl (husband David) of Madison, Wis., Donnita Aigner-Cobb (husband Guy) of Farmland; Martin DeVoss (fiance Jessica) of Grapevine, Texas, and Shelby DeVoss also of Grapevine, Texas; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband of 58 years Donovan DeVoss; a son-in-law Donald Aigner; brothers-in-law: Harvey 'Bud' Frick, John DeVoss and Bill Evers; and a sister-in-law Delight (DeVoss) Evers.

Visitation was Friday, September 17, 2010, at Garden View Funeral Home, 10501 N. S.R. 3, Muncie.

The funeral service was Saturday, September 18, 2010, at the funeral home with Pastor Sharon Summers officiating.

Burial was in Gardens of Memory Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Farmland United Methodist Church, 400 N. Morris St., Farmland, IN 47340 and/or to Monroe Central Dollars for Scholars, 1878 N. 1000 W., Parker City, IN 47368.

If you would like to sign the online guest book and send condolences to the family, you may do so by visiting www.gardenviewandgardensofmemory.com

Fairy Baral

NEW CARLISLE — Fairy N. Baral, 65, of New Carlisle, died Monday, Sept. 13, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor, New Carlisle.

She was born Sept. 7, 1945. She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Steven and Stephanie Curtis of Fairfield, Calif., and Jerry Littlefield of Auburn; two daughters, Lisa Curtis of Angola and Vicki and Terry Preston of Washington state; a brother and sister-in-law, Eugene and Kathy Potts of Naperville, Ill.; and a sister, Dorothy Potts of Mishawaka.

There will be no services. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Bubb Funeral Chapel of Mishawaka is in charge of arrangements.

Elnora Brown

AUBURN — Elnora G. Brown, 79, of Auburn died Monday, Sept. 20, 2010, at her home in Rome City.

She was born Nov. 1, 1930, in Auburn to Samuel and Hazel (McClellan) Geisinger.

She retired in 1994 from Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville as a nurse's aide.

She married Edward Brown on Jan. 17, 1948, in the Baptist Church in Auburn, and he survives. She is also survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Terry Langer of LaOtto; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Terry and Sarah Brown of Wayland, Ky., and Gary Brown of Albion; 11 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mildred Woods of St. Joe.

She was preceded in death by a son, Thomas Edward Brown, a brother, Hubert Geisinger, and two sisters, Georgina Bodey and Bessie Geisinger.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

To view an obituary online or send condolences go to www.fellerandclark.com

Marjorie Greek

FORT WAYNE — Marjorie E. Greek, 82, died Monday, Sept. 20, 2010.

She was born Nov. 22, 1927, to the late Garth and Nellie (Sweeny) Double.

She worked in retail sales at Hudson's before retiring in 1989.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Nicole Greek of Lafayette; two daughters and a son-in-law, Marlene and Jess Jessup of Waterloo and Julie and Robert Mehl of Bend, Ore.; a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Elizabeth Double of West Virginia; six grandchildren, one stepgrandchild, and one stepgreat-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Robert Double.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior to services.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo or Dekalb County Humane Shelter.

To leave online condolences, visit www.elzey-patterson rodakfuneralhome.com

Carl Lapadot Sr.

AVILLA — Carl Lapadot Sr., 89, of Avilla, died on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010 at 7:25 p.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

He was born Sept. 26, 1920, in Fort Wayne, to Emil and Rose (Kolkman) Lapadot.

Mr. Lapadot

He married Wilberta Lehman on Aug. 24, 1946 in Fort Wayne and she survives in Avilla. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps.

He was a steelworker at Joslyn Steel and later at Slater Steel in Fort Wayne for 37 years, retiring in 1977.

Also surviving are a son and daughter in-law, Mike and Barb Lapadot of LaOtto; two daughters, Carol Holcomb of Avilla and Cathy Murphy of Providence Village, Texas; a daughter in-law, Diann Lapadot of LaOtto; 10 grandchildren and three great- grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Carl Lapadot Jr., and a daughter, Linda Schoenauer.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010, at 1 p.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will follow in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit thomasfuneralhome.org

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

Alice Draggoo

FREMONT — Alice M. Draggoo, 88, of Fremont, died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Draggoo was a homemaker. She was an Auburn High School graduate. She was a member of Nevada Mills United Methodist Church and a member of the church choir. She also was a member of the Orland American Legion Post 423 Auxiliary. She enjoyed music, playing the piano, organ and violin. She also enjoyed cooking, gardening and crochet.

Mrs. Draggoo

She was born Sept. 17, 1922, in Auburn, to Clarence and Lydia (Rudolph) Boger.

She married James E. Draggoo on July 28, 1945, in Auburn. He preceded her in death on July 18, 2009.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Tom and Cathy Draggoo of Woodbridge, Va., Rex and Roxanna Draggoo of Fremont and Andrew L. Draggoo of Fremont; three grandchildren, Jennifer Draggoo of Dumfries, Va., Bethany and Kawika Chang of Jacksonville, Fla., and Benay Draggoo of Fremont.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, one Sister and four brothers.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, 4710 West Bachelor Rd., Steuben County, with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to Orland American Legion or Cameron Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be left at beamsfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

Louis Helmick

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. — Louis Paul Helmick (CMSGT USAF Ret.) was born in Auburn, IN on September 16, 1921 to the late Paul R and Veronica Helmick. He passed away on Sunday September 19, 2010 at Calvert Memorial Hospital, Prince Frederick, MD.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years Zwanda, six children, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Family will receive friends Monday, September 27, 10 am to 12 noon at the Lee Funeral Home Calvert P.A. 8125 Southern Maryland Blvd (Rt 4 & Fowler Rd) Owings, MD. Immediately following at 1 PM, a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 8819 Chesapeake Ave. North Beach, MD.

Interment with full military honors will be on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at Arlington National Cemetery, Ft Myer, VA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that expressions of sympathy be made to a charity of one's choice.

Meredith Owens

GARRETT — Memorial services for Meredith Owens, 82, of Edmond, Okla., will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Garrett Presbyterian Church, 201 S. Franklin St.

Mrs. Owens died July 12, 2010, in Edmond.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Marie Faulkner

WOLCOTTVILLE — Marie L. (Krotzer) Faulkner, 83, of Wolcottville died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010, at 6:33 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Faulkner was a homemaker. She loved to spend time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She also loved to fish, watch birds, and travel.

She was born July 31, 1927, in Whitley County to Lewis E. & Mary Etta (McClure) Krotzer. She married Donald E. Faulkner on November 3, 1946 in Wawaka and he survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Brenda R. and Lesley McLain of Auburn, Sue Ellen Faulkner of Wolcottville, and Sandra K. Quinn of Ligonier; a son and daughter-in-law, Daniel E. and Marilyn Faulkner of Wolcottville; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; two sisters, Doris Fordeck of Kendallville and Margaret E. Chaffee of Kendallville; and one brother, Lewis Krotzer Jr. of Florida.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four sisters and two brothers.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the LaGrange County Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Robert Culler

GARRETT — Robert A. Culler, 65 of Garrett, died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Mr. Culler worked in time study at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne for 40 years.

He was a U.S. Army veteran during the Vietnam era.

Mr. Culler was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, Garrett Masonic Lodge and was a former Garrett City Councilman.

He was born June 3, 1945, in Garrett to Wayne D. and Hilma I. (Bleeks) Culler.

Surviving are a daughter, Carrie (Mark) Garrison of Columbia City; a son: Alex Culler of Renton, Wash.; his former wife, Marilyn Culler of Garrett; two grandchildren; and a brother, Melvin (Fran) Culler of Auburn.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Carson Culler.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m. Funeral services will take place at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Dr. Scott Shoaff officiating.

Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn, with military graveside services by the Garrett American Legion Post and VFW.

Send a condolence or sign the on-line register book at www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Ruby Brown

AUBURN — Ruby L. Brown, 100, died Friday, Sept. 24, 2010, at her daughter's home in rural Auburn.

Mrs. Brown

Mrs. Brown was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

She was born June 16, 1910, in White Cloud, Mich., to Charles E. and Clara B. (Randoll) Spero. She married Robert L. Brown on Sept. 23, 1929, in Fort Wayne. He died Sept. 18, 1983.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, William and Dorothy Brown of Auburn and Dan and Tana Brown of LaOtto; five daughters and sons-in-law, Marjorie and H. Robert Knott of Auburn, Janet and Donald Badman of Waterloo, Janice and Eldon Russell of Wolcottville, Donna and Jon Hire of Auburn, and Cheryl Stephens of Kendallville; 21 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a daughter, Jean A. Brown; a brother, Robert Henderson; and two sisters, Anna Pierce and Edith Mattern.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. David Mathews officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, please visit www.fellerandclark.com

Dominic Bennett

KENDALLVILLE — Dominic Michael Bennett was stillborn Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He is survived by his father is Jerry Wayne Bennett Jr., his mother, Dawn Marie Smith, and his sister, Emily Bennett, all of Cromwell, Ind.

Other survivors include his paternal grandparents, Sharon Bennett of Goshen and Jerry W. Sr. and Carolee Bennett of Garrett; his maternal grandparents, Marie and Carlos Musser of Topeka; paternal great-grandparents, Luvica Moore of Ligonier, Phyllis Bennett of New Buffalo, Mich., and Beverly Blech of Auburn.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at New Freedom Baptist Church, corner of Factory and Sycamore streets in LaGrange. Pastor Wade Sturdivant will officiate. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Visitation will be after 2 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family online at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Leone Davito

AUBURN — Leone M. (Spaw) Davito, 100, of Auburn, died Friday, Sept. 24, 2010 at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was born on Jan. 18,1910 in White Owl, S.D., the daughter of the late Frank and Bertha Spaw.

Mrs. Davito

Surviving are three daughters, Nila Doberstein, Grand Rapids, Mich., Emily (Ralph) Philippe, Monroe Township, N.J., and Antoinette "Toni" Lundis, Grayslake, Ill.; two sons, Richard (Jean) Davito, Tulsa, Okla., and Michael (Beth) Davito, Ivanhoe, Ill.; and many, many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Peter Davito, and two daughters, Arla Kauffman and Patricia Pond.

Mass of Christian Resurrection will be Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010 at 10 a.m. with calling one hour prior at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500E 7th St., Auburn. Rev. Derrick Sneyd will be officiating.

Calling will also be Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to Catholic Charities.

To sign the online guest book, visit pinnington-mccomb.com.

Jerry Bauermeister

AUBURN — Jerry W. Bauermeister, 65, of Auburn died Friday, Sept. 24, 2010, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a firefighter, arson investigator and deputy chief for the Fort Wayne Fire Department, and retired in 1992 after 25 years of service. He then became fire chief of the Auburn Fire Department for 13 years, retiring Dec. 1, 2005.

Mr. Bauermeister

He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn. He was also a member of F.A.S.T. (Fire Arson Specialized Team), C.I.S.M. (Critical Incident Stress Management Team), Ivy Tech Fire Science Advisory Board, Indiana Fire Chiefs Association, International Association of Fire Chiefs and the International Association of Fire Investigation.

Mr. Bauermeister was the 1987 Indiana Firefighter of the Year. One of his primary goals as a firefighter and fire chief was training and education.

He was born March 13, 1945 in Fort Wayne, to Albert and Emma (Meswarp) Bauermeister.

He married Susan Adams on Nov. 7, 1969 at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Andrew Bauermeister and Lea Couture of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Shirley Bauermeister of Fenton, Mich.; and a sister and brother-in-law, Becky and Bruce Putman of Antwerp, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a daughter, Ginnie Bauermeister who passed away in 1998.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010 at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, 2010 at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Trinity Lutheran Church or the Auburn Fire Department.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, please visit fellerandclark.com.

Carolyn Baer

GARRETT — Carolyn A. Baer, 83 of Garrett died Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010 at 12:20 p.m. at her residence.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Oct. 1, at 1 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home with Dr. Randy McQueen officiating. Burial will follow in Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Shriners Children's Hospital.

To send a condolence or sign the online guest book, visit thomasfuneral-home.org.

Leonard Keen

AUBURN — Leonard E. Keen, 38, of Auburn went to be with the Lord on Friday, Sept. 25, 2010 at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne with family and friends by his side after a strong fight against cancer.

Mr. Keen

Leonard was born in Auburn on June 28, 1972. His mother, Velma (Morgan) Keen, passed away. His father and stepmother, Larry and Kaye Keen Sr., survive in Hamilton.

He worked for Klink Trucking in Ashley as a truck driver, and was a member of First Christian Outreach Church in Ashley.

He married LaVon (Bartels) Comment on Nov. 21, 2009 at First Christian Outreach Church in Ashley. She survives.

He is also survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Kathy Keen, Jr. of Butler; a sister and brother-in-law, Lavina and Walter Ballard of Prosperity, W. Va.; a stepsister, Jennifer Gustin and her husband Fred of Garrett; a stepbrother, Joshua Smith and his wife Jessica of Auburn; nieces and nephews, Pamela Ballard, Benjamin Ballard, Sykura Smith, Jackson Smith, Mackenzie Smith and Hayden Smith; hi in-laws, Merlin and Dawn Bartels of Garrett.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010 at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, with Rev. Paul Slone officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010 at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the family.

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Marion Eberhardt was Mother Nature

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ANGOLA — Picture Mother Nature walking through a sun-dappled forest, a far-away half smile on her face and a crown of leaves on her head.

That was Marion Williams Eberhardt.

Marion, 85, died Sept. 7 in the home she shared with her husband, Art, for 58 years. They planted trees on their corner lot and since Marion would not let Art trim them, they grew into a little urban forest, where the couple enjoyed the changing seasons.

Days before she died, Marion sat peacefully watching the leaves "and the light coming through the trees," said Art.

These very simple things — a sunset, a child's smile — meant so much to her.

"When we think about people in this world, who are 'salt of the earth,' people who are grounded and solid and real, I suspect many of us here today would think of Marion Eberhardt," said the Rev. Deb Davis in her eulogy Sept. 11. "As a friend of Marion's said to me … 'She was incapable of thinking badly of anyone. She just didn't think that way.'"

Marion was active in the First Congregational United Church of Christ. Art described his wife with a phrase used by the Angola church: "Practice compassion, practice trust, practice forgiveness, practice non-judgment, practice generosity, practice thankfulness, practice joy."

"It so well summarizes Marion's dance of life," he said. She was a kind person who abhorred violence. She raised their children — Roger, Laurie and the late Ellen — with a gentle hand and soft words. The Eberhardts have four grandchildren.

Julie Eddy Penix remembers the quilt Marion made her when she was a child, and the quilts Marion made for Julie's children later on. "And a little one for their dolls," said Julie. "Marion knew little girls, and she knew they'd need blankets for their dolls, too."

She made Sally Shearer Miller a quilt with Winnie the Pooh characters drawn in black outlines, so while Sally convalesced in the hospital during a difficult pregnancy, she could color the characters in.

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Marion Eberhardt leans against a tree, at ease in her natural habitat.

Marion led Girl Scout and Brownie troops, and knew all the fun songs and activities. The Eberhardts took their own children throughout the U.S. and Canada, to state and national parks and invited their friends, like the Eddys, the Snyders and the Sylers, to join them at their cabin near the Manistee River.

The cabin was built with logs Art and Marion discovered in a swamp in Kalkaska County, Mich.

"We did everything by hand, there were no power tools involved in any of it," said Art. He called the construction project "a joy" the couple shared with their children. The result was a hideaway Marion enjoyed visiting regularly. Even when her health was failing, and Alzheimer's was taking its toll, Marion was ready to pack her bags and head to Michigan.

Their property is now a conservation easement through the Grand Traverse Conservancy. The drive is planted with white and red pine from seeds found in the Traverse City State Park.

They have 10 acres on the Pigeon River where they have a small screen house and trees they have nurtured.

Together they helped blaze the trail at Steuben County's McClue Nature Reserve and assisted in giving birth to the Adopt-A-Tree Festival and Christmas sing-a-longs at ACRES' Wing Haven Nature Preserve. Marion served as recording secretary for the board of directors of ACRES Landtrust for around 20 years.

Marion's often whimsical artistic ability led her to run a hand-made natural crafts business for some time. She also kept careful journals, including the annals of McClue. She clipped articles that ran in the local paper and saved pictures of the first class to walk through the reserve, which was left to the county by attorney Maurice McClue, for educational purposes.

Marion was proud of McClue, and the educational impact that it continues to have for youngsters today.

"That came from Marion, the idea of it being a 'school natural area,'" said Art.

Marion was a teacher when Art met her at his sister's house in Petoskey, Mich., 62 years ago. A Lansing, Mich. native, she graduated from Michigan State University and was teaching home economics in Petoskey.

Art was studying at Purdue University under the G.I. Bill, and would take the bus from Gary to Petoskey, or hitchhike, to see his fiancee. They visited Michigan's scenic draws, and some places that were off the beaten path.

"We were always going around somewhere outside," said Art, a "city boy" who gained his love of nature from his wife.

They went for boat rides at night, said Art, to see the moonlight on the water, to the Straits of Mackinaw and to Beaver Island.

"That's where I proposed to her, on the ferry," said Art.

They were married June 26, 1949, in Lansing and moved to Angola in 1952 when Art got a job teaching at Tri-State College.

Every moment was a milestone for Marion. She reveled with her children, the children of the church and her Scouts, and she was a champion of the trees and pristine flora.

"Her love of nature, that's overwhelming," said Art. "You don't have to teach that."

Their children absorbed it, and Laurie is a biology teacher in Valparaiso and Roger works for the Department of Natural Resources.

In their chosen careers, Marion's children carry on her legacy.

And, when the wind sings a cheerful song as it plays through the tops of the trees, that is Marion, dancing with Mother Nature.

Myron Hunt

RICHMOND — Myron C. Hunt, 93, of Richmond, died Thursday, September 23, 2010, at Reid Hospital.

Born October 18, 1916, in Richmond to Clyde R. and Ethel Bullerdick Hunt, he lived in this community most of his life. Myron was a 1934 graduate of Hyde Park High School in Chicago, Ill., earned a bachelor's degree from Purdue University, a master's degree from Texas A & M University, and was a John McMullen scholar at Cornell University. He retired as Facilities Manager in 1981 from Dana Corp. after 41 years. Myron was a member of Christ Presbyterian Church and Triangle Engineering Fraternity at Purdue University, former member of Hagerstown Rotary Club, and former member and Board Chairman of Richmond Sanitary District. His passion was traveling worldwide. He loved caring for his woods and bird-watching.

Survivors include his wife of 72 years, Ruby Coffing Hunt; son, Curtis N. Hunt (Ruth) of Catlin, Ill.; daughters, Sheila H. Nollen (Paul) of Macomb, Ill., Cheryl H. Sheeler of Auburn, and Pamela H. Rommer of Centerville; 10 grandchildren, Douglas Hunt (Kelly) of Carleton, Mich., Laura Hunt of Champaign, Ill., Marie Powell (Toby) of Indianapolis, Nathan Nollen (Angie) of Pontiac, Ill., Jennifer Ford of Auburn, Tad Sheeler of Lake in the Hills, Ill., Ben Sheeler, of Auburn, Jon Sheeler, of Auburn, Victoria Rommer of Chicago, Ill., and Christine Rommer of Fort Wayne; six great-grandchildren and one on the way; and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son-in-law, Gary Sheeler.

Visitation for Myron C. Hunt will be from 12 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 28, 2010, at Christ Presbyterian Church, 350 Henley Road, Richmond. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Christ Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Tom Stein officiating. Burial will be in Lutherania Cemetery. Doan & Mills Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Christ Presbyterian Church, 350 Henley Road, Richmond, IN 47374, or Marion Medical Mission, 1412 Shawnee Drive, Marion, IL 62959.

Condolences may be sent via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com.

Vern Powell

WATERLOO — Vern William "Bill" Powell, 67, died Sunday, September 26, 2010, at his home in Waterloo surrounded by his family.

Mr. Powell

He was born October 2, 1942, in Coldwater, Mich., to the late John William and Dorothy Marie (Diehm) Powell.

He was a machine operator for the Auburn Foundry for 40 years, retiring in 1999.

He was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene and has worked in the concession stand for the Upward youth basketball program since it began playing their games at the church. He was a member of the Waterloo Lions club and was a firefighter for the Waterloo Fire Department for 18 years.

He married Linda Roose on May 30, 1964, in the Waterloo Nazarene Church and she survives. He is also survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Ken Treesh of Waterloo; three sons and daughters-in-law, William and Amy Powell of Kendallville, Scott and Michelle Powell of Blakeslee, Ohio, and Mark and Chris Powell of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Clarence and Linda Powell of Wolcott; a sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Bill Mock of Kendallville; and six grandchildren, Vincent Trausch, Mataya Sims, Levi Treesh, Autumn Treesh, Drayke Powell and Kairnyn Powell.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Daunte Powell.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Auburn Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Dan White officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo. Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Pallbearers will be Bill Powell, Scott Powell, Mark Powell, Drayke Powell, Levi Treesh, Ken Treesh, Vincent Trausch and Jim Powell.

Memorials can be directed to the Family. Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo are in charge of arrangements.

To view the obituary online or send condolences, go to www.fellerandclark.com

Virginia Green

ASHLEY — Virginia D. Green, 79, died at 9:25 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Omaha, Neb., on Nov. 14, 1930, to the late Richard and Hazel (Holden) Shadle. She was a secretary in Omaha at Freauhauf until her marriage in 1958. She married Leland B. (Pete) Green on Dec. 24, 1958, and he passed away on Dec. 23, 2002. She lived in Ashley since 1958. She was a store manager at Monique Fabrics in Auburn, and was a graduate of Omaha North High School.

Mrs. Green attended Ashley United Methodist Church. She was 4-H leader with the Smithfield Busy Bees, and was a piano accompanist with band and choir members at music contests. She was a member and past president of the DeKalb County Republican Women's Club.

Surviving are two daughters, Susan E. Green of Muncie and Rebecca L (David) Coar of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Caitlin Coar and Zachary Coar; a stepson, Lee (Karen) Smith of Port Ludlow, Wash., and their two daughters, Leanne and Angela.

She was preceded in death by her only brother, Richard L. Shadle Jr.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Ashley United Methodist Church, with calling one hour before. Pastor Donald M. Wadkins will officiate at services. Friends may call at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, on Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

Steve Nichter

AUBURN — Steve M. "Dirt" Nichter, 56, of Auburn died Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Nichter

Mr. Nichter was the golf course superintendent at the Garrett County Club. He had previously been course superintendent at the Fort Wayne Country Club and Greenhurst Country Club.

He was a member of the Garrett Eagles, Auburn Moose and Auburn Sons of the Legion.

He was born Oct. 10, 1953, in Whitley County to Herb and Mary (Bherns) Nichter.

Surviving are his mother, Mary Nichter of Churubusco; a son, Michael J. Nichter of Indianapolis; a brother, David Nichter of Columbia City; and a sister, Bonnie Zuber of New Haven.

He was preceded in death by his father; a brother, Brian Nichter; and a sister, Mary Nichter.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Thomas Funeral Home at Garrett with Father Derrick Sneyd officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to St. Martin's Healthcare.

Send online condolences or sign the guestbook at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Roger Johnson

GARRETT — Roger K. Johnson, 57, of Garrett and formerly of Holton, Mich., died Monday, Sept. 27, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Johnson was a laborer at Fleetwood Homes for 13 years.

He was a member of several bowling leagues in Auburn.

He was born Aug. 8, 1953, in Muskegon, Mich., to Harley and Lula (Homan) Johnson. They preceded him in death. He married Shirley Scott on Feb.14, 2001, in Auburn.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley Johnson of Garrett; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Joshua Johnson of Oakdale, Tenn., and Justin and Aubrey Johnson of Indianapolis; a brother and sister-in-law, Perry and Peggy Johnson of Twin Lake, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Renee and Cliff Turner of Twin Lake; and four grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Holton, Mich..

Memorials are to Shirley Johnson to assist with medical expenses.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Tyron Combs

GARRETT — Tyron L. Combs, 49, of Garrett died Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010, at his residence.

Mr. Combs had been a powder coater at Garrett Products for 15 years.

He was born Aug. 5, 1961, in Hazard, Ky., to Billie Louise (Morton) Combs. He married Helen M. McGuire-Hargadon on Nov, 8, 1997, in Garrett. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are six sons and daughters-in-law, Steve Combs of Waterloo, Mike and Rachel Combs of Fort Wayne, Sterling and Wendy Robbins II of Garrett, Derek and Lisa Robbins of Waterloo, Kevin and Kathy Robbins of Fort Wayne and Adam McPherson of Garrett; a sister, Regenna Dorton of Garrett; 14 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother and two sisters, Nyoka McBride and Sharon Sue Day.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, with the funeral service to follow at 1 p.m. Brother Bud Owen will officiate. Burial will follow in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Memorials are to Helen Combs to assist with expenses.

To send a condolence or to sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Jack Reading Jr.

HUDSON — Jack Reading Jr., 56, died at 12:34 p.m. Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Reading was a self-employed sign maker.

He was a member of Christ's Church at Butler.

He was born April 14, 1954, in Detroit, Mich., to Jack Reading Sr. and Margaret Collinze Reading. He married Teresa "Teri" Akey on Aug. 4, 1990. She survives.

Mr. Reading

Also surviving are his mother, Margaret Reading of Ashley; a son, Benjamin Reading, at home; a daughter, Hannah Reading, at home; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Neal and Janet Reading of Hudson and James and Teresa Reading of Hamilton; and a sister, Dorris Tieman of Fremont.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Robert.

A celebration of life service will be at 5 p.m. Sunday at Dale Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating.

Visitation will be after 3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to www.dalejohnsonfh.com

Evelyn Lutz

AUBURN —Memorial services for Evelyn Lutz will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 W. Ninth St., Auburn, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating.

Mrs. Lutz, 80, died Friday, Sept.10, 2010 at her home.

Memorials are to Saint Mark's Lutheran Church or the Heimach Center.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Charles Carnahan

ST. JOE — Charles Albert Carnahan, 78, of St. Joe died Thursday, September 30, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Ind.

Mr. Carnahan

He was born on March 1, 1932, in Auburn to the late Marshall and Belva Ann (Chorpenning) Carnahan. He married Anita McMaken on November 18, 1951, in St. Joe, Ind., and they had enjoyed 58 years together.

Surviving are his wife, Anita Carnahan of St. Joe, Ind.; a son, Elmer (Linda) Carnahan of Auburn, Ind.; a daughter, Cynthia (Sherl) Amburgey of St. Joe, Ind.; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; his stepmother, Donna Carnahan of Auburn, Ind.; four half sisters, Nancy Moore of Newville, Ind., Sharron (Robert) Plummer of Auburn, Ind., Martha (Robert) Geyer of Spencerville, Ind., and Dawn (Merlin) Bartles of Garrett, Ind.; and three half brothers, Ralph Rugman of Garrett, Bruce (Becky) Rugman of Auburn, Ind., and Warren Carnahan of Auburn, Ind.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Ed Carnahan; three half brothers, Keith, Steve and Joe Rugman; and two stepfathers, Ralph Rugman and Earl Gradeless.

Charles worked as a conductor and brake man for the B & O Railroad for 42 years retiring in 1992. He was a WWII and Korean War veteran, a member of the Knights & Pythias, Butler American Legion and DeKalb Mason's Lodge No. 214.

He attended the Auburn Church of Christ and the St. Joe Church of Christ.

Calling will be held on Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, Ind.

Services will be held on Monday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with calling one hour prior. Officiating will be Pastor Eddie Clark and Pastor Joe Heins.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe, Ind., with military honors.

Memorials are to the St. Joe Church of Christ, P.O. Box 285 St. Joe, IN 46785 or the Auburn Church of Christ, 1103 S. Jackson St., Auburn, IN 46706.

William Davis

GARRETT — William H. Davis, 74, of Garrett and formerly of Avilla, passed away at 10:42 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in failing health for the past month.

At the request of the family, there will be no calling hour or services.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

Auburn fire chief led 'the family'

Jerry Bauermeister brought humor, professionalism to job

BY BOB CULP
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AUBURN — Jerry Bauermeister viewed the Auburn Fire Department as an extension of his family.

A firefighter for 38 years, Bauermeister served as Auburn's fire chief from 1992 to 2005. Never without a story or a new joke, he helped usher in a new era of programs and thinking to the fire department, Auburn firefighters said.

Mr. Bauermeister, 65, died Sept. 24 at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

"There's not a week or month that goes by that something happens that doesn't remind us of him and his time here," said firefighter Andy Maloney, who was hired by Bauermeister.

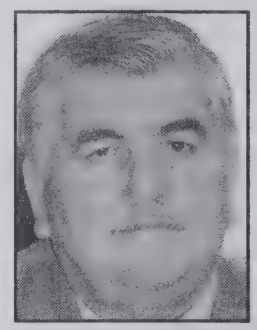
Current Auburn Fire Chief Mike VanZile said Bauermeister started the training course at Fire Station No. 2 that is now among the best in the state. Jerry also began multiple programs during his tenure, including the fire department's honor guard and color guard.

"He was a huge advocate of the training center," said Auburn Mayor Norm Yoder. "He always argued why we should advocate funds for it, and we never did it fast enough. He was very focused on the end result."

Bauermeister came to Auburn after spending 25 years with the Fort Wayne Fire Department, where he won the 1987 Indiana Firefighter of the Year award

When he came to Auburn as fire chief in 1992, his stories and sense of humor came with him.

"He accumulated a lot of stories with his 25 years in Fort Wayne, and he shared them up here," Auburn Fire Department Capt. Ken Knox said. "He wanted to be part of that camaraderie in the firehouse."


Chief Bauermeister

Knox continued thinking back: "He was always telling jokes. Every day he always had something new. He would just start telling a story, and it would end up being a joke with the punch line."

Family always came before the job. If a firefighter had family matters arise, Bauermeister would tell him to get it taken care of, then come back to work, VanZile said.

"Family was No. 1 to (Bauermeister)," he said. "I think the biggest thing I took away from Jerry was his fairness. Stuff comes up in people's lives, and he understood that."

VanZile said Bauermeister viewed those involved with the fire department as family. Coming from Fort Wayne, he went from a 300-person department to Auburn's 20-person, close-knit group.

He made sure that family grew. In 1993, Bauermeister pushed the city administration to hire three firefighters, and then six more followed in 1996. Many of those he hired still work for the Auburn Fire Department today.

"He was great to Auburn as fire chief, guiding a small department with a lot of volunteers into a very professional organization with equal volunteers and full-time firefighters," Yoder said.

The sense of family stayed with Bauermeister long after he left the firehouse.

"Whenever I saw him after he retired, right after he asked, 'How you doing?', it was always, 'How's the family doing?'" Maloney said. "That has always stuck with me."

Those who knew Bauermeister said his legacy reaches beyond the programs he started and the companionship he enhanced.

"He was forward-thinking," VanZile said. "We always have to open doors. If we don't, we never know what's on the other side. We just have to keep pushing forward, 'cause our world changes every day."

Mary Meschberger

AUBURN — Mary E. Meschberger, 99, of Auburn, died Saturday Oct. 2, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was born May 30, 1911 in Auburn to Jesse and Cora Bennett. They preceded her in death.

She Married Lester Meschberger on June 15, 1932, and he preceded her in death in 2004.

She is survived by three sons, David Meschberger of Wolcottville, Don Meschberger of Fort Wayne and Denny Meschberger of Auburn; two daughters, Nancy Critchfield of New Haven and Joyce Harding of Corunna; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main Street, Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to funeral services Tuesday. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to Norris Chapel United Methodist Church. To sign the online guest book, visit Pinnington-mccomb.com.

Chasty Koble

GARRETT — Chasty Shane Koble, 32, of St. Petersburg, Fla., died Friday, Oct. 1, 2010, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

She was born April 1, 1978, in Kendallville to Anthony Robert and Rhonda Lee (Shaw) Koble.

Chasty is survived by her daughters Macyra and Myasija Koble of Garrett; her parents, Anthony "Tony" and Rhonda Koble of Garrett; sisters, Ashlee Koble of Pinellas Park, Fla., and Tasha (Koble) and Willie Jordan of Tampa, Fla.; a nephew, Hunter Koble, of Pinellas Park; and her grandparents, Donna and Hudson Hays of Garrett and Robert and Caramay Koble, LaOtto.

Chasty was preceded in death by her grandfather, Ronald Shaw.

There will be no calling.

Private services will be held in Garrett at a later date.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

Layzena Shipp

BUTLER — Layzena F. "Cindy" Shipp, 68, died Sunday, October 3, 2010, with her family by her side.

Mrs. Shipp

Mrs. Shipp worked for Tri-Wall Container in Butler for 26 ½ years, retiring in 1998. She also worked at Boney's Restaurant in Waterloo for 15 years.

She attended One Truth Christian Outreach in Ashley. She was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Butler. She was a vocalist for the Keith Hart and the Country Travelers Band for over 25 years and was currently with the Don Warstler Band.

She was born on August 27, 1942, in War, W.Va., to Jessie and Hazel (Green) Hicks.

She married Allen Shipp on November 3, 1972, in Butler. He passed away on January 18, 1991.

Surviving are a daughter, Tersina "Cina" Osborn of Butler; a step-son, Allen Shipp Jr. of New Haven; two stepdaughters, Nancy Timlen of Grafton, Wisconsin, and Sandra Jo Shipp of Minnesota; three grandchildren, Amanda Miller, Stacy Wilson, and Jamie Shumaker; four great-grandchildren, Wade Miller, Austin Lee Wilson, Braden Wilson, and Jordyn Shumaker; two brothers, Jessie Hicks of West Union, Ohio, and Clarence James Hicks of Butler; three sisters, Loretta Krill of Bryan, Ohio, Wanda Weicht of Butler, and Eva Moore of Corunna; nieces, Teresa Wolfe, Benita Irma Sessions, and Melissa Haverstock; and her companion, Rick Rowe of Waterloo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; three brothers, Joe Hicks, John Hicks, and Leslie Hicks; and three sisters, Florinda Butler, Sussie Roy, and Darleen Hicks.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Paul Slone officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice, or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, please visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Gladys Williams

AUBURN — Gladys P. Williams, 97, of Auburn and formerly of Decatur, Ill., died Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Additional calling will be from 1-2:30 p.m. Friday at Gracelawn/Fairlawn Funeral Home in Decatur, Ill., where the funeral will take place at 2:30 p.m. with the Rev. William C. "Bill" Ellis officiating. Burial will be in Macon County Memorial Park in Harristown, Ill.

Memorials may be directed to First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

A full obituary will appear in the Wednesday edition.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com

Kay Anderson

GRABILL — Kay Annette Anderson, 65, servant of the Living God, was ushered into the presence of her Savior on Monday, October 4, 2010, at her home following a fierce year-long battle with multiple myeloma.

Mrs. Anderson

She was born on June 26, 1945, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Robert and Doris (Green) Hersha.

Kay graduated from Leo High School in 1963 and married her high school sweetheart, Bob Anderson, in August 1963.

Kay is respected for her love of God, her love of family and her love for those whom are hurting. Kay was a giver at heart and always found ways to make people feel loved and important.

She was a superb hostess for everything from weekly college student Bible studies in their home to parties for just about every occasion. Many marveled at her decorating abilities and especially loved to see her Christmas transformation every year. She was also an avid flower gardener with a passion for roses.

She was a member of Grabill Missionary Church and also attended County Line Church of God while her son-in-law, Bob Herman, pastored there.

Kay is survived by her husband; three daughters, Connie Kay Anderson, Julie Jean Herman and Kristie Sue Ransom; nine grandchildren; her mother, Doris; a brother, Richard Hersha; and a sister, Phyllis Morris.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Vickie Lynn; a son, Timothy Alan; and her father.

Visitation will be Friday from 1-4 and 6-9 at County Line Church of God, Auburn, Indiana.

A celebration service will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at County Line Church of God, Auburn, Indiana.

Private burial will be at Leo Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Grabill Missionary Church Deacon's Fund or World Vision Clean Water Fund.

Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio, is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com

Evelyn Kelly

INDIANAPOLIS — Evelyn Louise Kelly, 92, died Monday October 4, 2010, at her home in Indianapolis.

She was born on February 16, 1918, in Union Township to Harry and Pauline (Ketel) Hefty. She married John Kelly Jr. in 1937, and he passed away in 1952.

She is survived by a grandson, John Bennett of Indianapolis and a brother and sister-in-law, Raymond "Hoover" and Dorothy Hefty of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Kay and William F. Bennett; and two brothers, Ralph and Harry Hefty.

Graveside services will be conducted in the Catholic Cemetery in Auburn on Friday, Oct. 8, at 2:30 p.m. There will be no calling.

Services will be conducted by Father David Carkenord of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

To view an obituary online or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com

Gladys Williams

AUBURN — Gladys (Hays) Williams, 97, of Auburn, Ind. (formerly of Decatur, Ill.), passed away October 2, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn, Ind., following a brief illness.

Mrs. Williams

Gladys was born December 8, 1912, in Macon County, Ill., to William Asberry Hays and Mamie Eulalia (Hinsey) Hays. Gladys graduated from Stephen Decatur High School in Decatur, Ill., in 1931. She married Ornan A. Williams on December 8, 1933. He died September 1, 1989. She lived in Decatur, Ill., until she moved to Auburn, Ind., in 2001.

She was a longtime member of Peoples Church of God in Decatur, Ill., where she served as president of the Women of the Church of God for six years and, along with her husband, as a youth teacher and counselor for eight years. After moving to Auburn, Ind., she was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, eventually transferring her membership to First United Methodist Church in order to attend services with her son and daughter-in-law until the time of her passing.

She had a love for gospel music and was an avid reader. Over the years, she developed a great interest in politics and sports — especially for the Chicago Cubs.

Gladys was a staunch Christian who loved the Lord with all that was in her. She was known to be a caring friend to those around her.

She is survived by three children, Ornan Dale (wife, Maureen) Williams of Auburn, Ind., Edwin Keith (wife, Shirley) Williams of Aurora, Colo., and Ben Eugene (wife, Karen) Williams of Darley, England; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Mamie Hays; a brother, William Clarence Hays; a sister, Pearl Irene Hays; her husband, Ornan A. Williams; a daughter-in-law, E. Jane Williams; and a grandson, Brian Williams.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. today, Wednesday, October 6, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn, Ind., and from 1-2:30 p.m. Friday at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home in Decatur, Ill. A service of memory and tribute will be held at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home in Decatur, Ill., at 2:30 p.m. Friday with the Rev. Dr. William C. Ellis of Scott Depot, W.Va., officiating. Interment will follow at Macon County Memorial Park in Harristown, Ill.

Memorial contributions may be directed to First United Methodist Church Memorial, 1203 E. 7th St. Auburn, IN 46706. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com

Melba Faulkner

LAOTTO — Melba L. Faulkner, 81, of LaOtto died Monday, Oct.4, 2010, in Kendallville Manor Health Care Center where she had resided for the past year.

Mrs. Faulkner

Mrs. Faulkner was a 1947 graduate of Lafayette Central High School.

She was a homemaker.

She was born July 21, 1929, in Fort Wayne to Clarence and Lillian (Henderson) Mallo. She married Erle D. Faulkner Dec. 21, 1955, in Roanoke. He preceded her in death Feb. 7, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Rhonda and Jeff Collins of Auburn and Robin and Damon Lewis of Churubusco; three sons, Randy Faulkner of LaOtto, Ricky Faulkner of LaOtto and Russell Faulkner of Atlanta, Ga.; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a brother, Harold Mallo of Roanoke.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Mary Lou Mallo.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Larinda Killian

WOODBURN — Larinda C. Killian, 99, passed away Monday, October 4, 2010, at Heritage Park, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Killian

Born in New Haven, she was the daughter of the late Henry and Mary Nietert.

She was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Woodburn, where she taught Sunday school for many years.

She was a cook at Pat's Truck Stop for 20 years.

She is survived by her son, Robert (Debra) Killian of Hamilton; and her grandchildren, Kathy Selig, Julie Trainer, Lisa Cress, Rob Killian, and Shawn Killian.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert H. Killian, in 1985; a daughter, Maryann Schilb Clark in 1996; and her brothers, Alfred, Edwin, and Wilmer "Red" Nietert.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Christ Lutheran Church, 4412 Park St., Woodburn, with calling one hour prior. The Rev. Timothy Edwards will officiate.

Calling is also from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Burial is in the church cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Christ Lutheran Church, Woodburn.

E. Harper & Son Funeral Home in New Haven is in charge of arrangements.

Stephen Bowers

AUBURN — Stephen L. Bowers, 58, passed away Tuesday October 5, 2010, at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Bowers

He was born on February 4, 1952, in Garrett. His father, Elmer Bowers, has passed away. His mother and stepfather, Hildanna (Nelson) and Noel Camp, survive in Waterloo.

He was a painting contractor, owning and operating Reasonable Painting of Auburn for over 30 years.

He was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed the NHRA with his favorite driver being John Force, and NASCAR with his favorite driver being the late Dale Earnhardt.

He married Donna J. (Winebrenner) O'Dell on December 29, 2009, in Auburn and she survives.

He is also survived by two sons, Matthew (Timothy) Reuter-Bowers of Chicago, Ill., and Derrick Bowers of St. Clair Shores, Mich.; a stepson, Sean (Mia) O'Dell of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Shannon O'Dell of Okinawa, Japan; three grandchildren, Zella Rose Bowers, Joseph Ezekiel "Zeke" Reuter-Bowers and Sofia Rae O'Dell; two brothers, Gerry (Vickie) Yontz of Peoria, Ariz., and Larry (Sharon) Bowers of Waterloo; two sisters, Sherry Pagliuco of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Merry (Merle) Crager of Pleasant Lake; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Terry Yontz.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Evelyn Esselburn officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice or DeKalb County Humane Society.

To view an obituary online or send condolences go to www.fellerandclark.com

Evelyn Ferguson

GARRETT — Evelyn Julia Ferguson, 74, of Garrett died Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2010, at her residence.

Mrs. Ferguson

Mrs. Ferguson was an accounts payable clerk for the City of Garrett for 12 years before retiring in 1996.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, Tri Kappa Sorority, Red Hat Society and the Sewing Club.

She was born July 29, 1936, in Garrett to Camillo and Frances (Aversa) Zecca. She married David K. Ferguson on Oct. 6, 1956, in Garrett.

She is survived by her husband, David K. Ferguson of Garrett; two sons, David Ferguson Jr. of Huntertown and Tom Ferguson of Galveston, Texas; two daughters, Julia Steward of Garrett and Diana Waring of Avilla; a brother, Henry Zecca Sr. of Garrett; a sister, Elizabeth Schlotterer of Chandler, Ariz.; 14 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Brent Ferguson; a brother, Vincent Zecca; and a sister, Ellen Conkle.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Derrick Sneyd officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery rural Garrett.

Visitation will be held from 2-7 p.m. Thursday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett. There will be a Tri Kappa service at 7 p.m. and a Rosary service at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School or St. Martin's Healthcare

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Sondra Caldwell

BUTLER — Sondra J. Caldwell, 75, of Butler died Sunday, October 3, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was a former employee of the Federal Fertilizer Company in Butler, Albion Production Credit Union in Auburn, and Guardian Industries in Auburn, retiring in 1992.

She was a member of the Norris Chapel Untied Methodist Church in rural Auburn.

She was born on November 21, 1934, in DeKalb County, to Ivan and Helen (Hart) Rosenberry.

Surviving are her husband, Avon Caldwell of Butler; a son, Scott Caldwell of Butler; three sisters, Pat Ackerman of Hamilton, Deanna and Ed Shull of Butler, and Kimberly Montgomly of Texas; and a grandson, Nathan Caldwell of Butler.

A memorial service will take place at 3 p.m. Sunday at Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, 4793 C.R. 40a, Auburn, with the Rev. Jack Smith officiating.

The family will receive friends from 1-3 p.m. Sunday prior to the service at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Avon Caldwell.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, please visit www.fellerandclark.com

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Fatal Crash Near Butler

JEFF JONES

Emergency personnel examine the wreckage of a car after its driver was killed in a collision at the intersection of S.R. 1 and C.R. 40, south of Butler, at 4:22 p.m. Tuesday.

Crash kills Auburn woman

BUTLER — An Auburn woman died in a two-vehicle collision Tuesday at 4:22 p.m. south of Butler, DeKalb County Police reported.

Maxine M. Fry, 79, of the 1300 block of McIntyre Drive, died at the scene of the crash — the intersection of S.R. 1 and C.R. 40.

A passenger in her car, Earl W. Richmond of the 4000 block of C.R. 35, Auburn, was taken to DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn for treatment of internal injuries.

The other driver, Trey E. Landis, 17, of the 5500 block of C.R. 60, St. Joe, was not injured, police said.

A news release said Fry was driving a 2000 Ford Taurus east on C.R. 40 and stopped for a stop sign at S.R. 1.

She then drove her car into the path of a 2000 Ford F150 pickup truck that Landis was driving southbound on S.R. 1. The pickup truck hit the driver's side door of the car.

The impact pushed the car into a ditch on the southwest corner of the intersection, where it struck an electric fence and stopped.

DeKalb County Police investigated, with assistance at the scene from DeKalb EMS, the Butler Fire Department and Indiana State Police.

Gladys Williams

AUBURN — Gladys (Hays) Williams, 97, of Auburn, Ind. (formerly of Decatur, Ill.), passed away October 2, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn, Ind., following a brief illness.

Mrs. Williams

Gladys was born December 8, 1912, in Macon County, Ill., to William Asberry Hays and Mamie Eulalia (Hinsey) Hays. Gladys graduated from Stephen Decatur High School in Decatur, Ill., in 1931. She married Ornan A. Williams on December 8, 1933. He died September 1, 1989. She lived in Decatur, Ill., until she moved to Auburn, Ind., in 2001.

She was a longtime member of Peoples Church of God in Decatur, Ill., where she served as president of the Women of the Church of God for six years and, along with her husband, as a youth teacher and counselor for eight years. After moving to Auburn, Ind., she was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, eventually transferring her membership to First United Methodist Church in order to attend services with her son and daughter-in-law until the time of her passing.

She had a love for gospel music and was an avid reader. Over the years, she developed a great interest in politics and sports — especially for the Chicago Cubs.

Gladys was a staunch Christian who loved the Lord with all that was in her. She was known to be a caring friend to those around her.

She is survived by three children, Ornan Dale (wife, Maureen) Williams of Auburn, Ind., Edwin Keith (wife, Shirley) Williams of Aurora, Colo., and Ben Eugene (wife, Karen) Williams of Darley, England; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Mamie Hays; a brother, William Clarence Hays; a sister, Pearl Irene Hays; a brother, Walter Dean Hays; her husband, Ornan A. Williams; a daughter-in-law, E. Jane Williams; and a grandson, Brian Williams.

Visitation was Wednesday, October 6, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn, Ind., and will be from 1-2:30 p.m. Friday at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home in Decatur, Ill. A service of memory and tribute will be held at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home in Decatur, Ill., at 2:30 p.m. Friday with the Rev. Dr. William C. Ellis of Scott Depot, W.Va., officiating. Interment will follow at Macon County Memorial Park in Harristown, Ill.

Memorial contributions may be directed to First United Methodist Church Memorial, 1203 E. 7th St. Auburn, IN 46706. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com

Laura Beard

AUBURN — Laura M. Beard, 33, of Auburn died Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010, shortly after admittance to DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Miss Beard

Miss Beard was a production worker and most recently worked at Boshe Automotive in Albion.

She was born July 24, 1977, in DeKalb County, Ind., to Ronald D. and Martha J. (Kagey) Beard, who preceded her in death. Surviving are a sister, Alicia (Michael) Graves, of Spencerville; a brother, Tim (Tara) Beard of Lexington, S.C.; and six nephews and nieces.

Visitation will be from 2-7 p.m. Saturday in the Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio.

Celebration of life services will be at 5 p.m. Sunday in the Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

Private interment will take place in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Memorials are to the family for expenses.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com

Beverly Zimmerman

ANGOLA — Beverly Joan Zimmerman, 69, of Angola died Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010, at her home.

Mrs. Zimmerman was a waitress.

She was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

She was born Nov. 7, 1940, in Paris, Ill., to Tommie and Freda (Henson) Bowen.

Surviving are her mother, Freda Bowen of Crawfordsville; three sons, Jeffery and Mary Miles of Angola, Richard Miles of Angola and Jason Miles of Angola; a daughter, Kim and Michael Burrage of Auburn; two stepsons, Mark and Julie Zimmerman of Ashville, N.C., and Michael Zimmerman of Auburn; two stepdaughters, Mary Maple of St. Joe and Melanie Saxton of Houston, Texas; a brother, Tommie David and Kathy Bowen of Pawnee, Ill.; two sisters, Linda Mullen of Darlington, Ind., and Marla Fay of Greencastle; six grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; one great-grandchild; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Tommie Bowen; her husband, Douglas Earl Zimmerman on Dec. 30, 2006; and a brother, Richard Bowen.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Angola with Pastor Terry Sturges officiating.

Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society or the Steuben County Humane Society.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com

Wesley Harig

AUBURN — Wesley E. Harig, 75, of Auburn died Tuesday, October 5, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Harig

He was born August 11, 1935, in Traverse City, Michigan, the son of the late Clarence A. and Mary M. Harig.

He worked at Auburn Gear for 33 years, retiring in 1997.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean War, a former Jackson Township volunteer firefighter and an avid fisherman.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Harig of Auburn; a son, Steve Harig of Auburn; a stepson, Duane Caywood of Garrett; his sisters, Evelyn (Nat) Rice of Traverse City, Mich., and Barbara (Don) Vyverberg of South Boardman, Mich.; his grandchildren, Kyle, Samantha, Sarina, Kirk and Stephanie Harig of Auburn; his stepgranddaughters, Christy Kruckeberg of New Haven, Emily Caywood of Garrett and Michaela Caywood of Garrett; and stepgreat-grandchildren, Shelby and Ace Kruckeberg of New Haven.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Georgia A. Harig, in 1999.

Funeral services will be Sunday at 2 p.m., with visitation one hour prior, at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Maxine Fry

AUBURN — Maxine Marie Fry, 79, of Auburn died Tuesday, October 5, 2010, in an automobile accident at the intersection of S.R. 1 and C.R. 40 south of Butler.

Mrs. Fry

Maxine was born December 23, 1930, in Wakarusa to Eli and Hattie (Metzler) Yoder.

She worked as a nurse's aide in several area nursing home including the Butler Hotel and Betz Nursing Home.

She was an active member of the Auburn Church of Christ.

She married Keith Fry on December 16, 1950, and he passed away November 6, 2001.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Kevin and Sheryl Fry of Fort Wayne and Lynn and Lisa Fry of Auburn; two grandchildren, Tyler Fry of Fort Wayne and Danielle Fry of Fort Wayne; and a sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and Ray Richards of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and 2 brothers, Wayne and Olin Yoder.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 9, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Joseph Heins officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ, 208 W. 18th St., Auburn, IN 46706.

To view an obituary online or send condolences go to fellerandclark.com

Chasty Koble

GARRETT — A celebration of life for Chasty Shane Koble will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Celebration Hall, 1346 S. Randolph St., Garrett.

Miss Koble died Friday, Oct. 1, 2010, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Visitation also on Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

To sign the online guest or to send a sympathy card, visit www.pinnington mccomb.com

Janelle Amick

DANVILLE — Janelle R. (Nicole) Amick of Danville, Ind., died Monday, October 4, 2010. She was 33 years old.

Born April 30, 1977, in Fort Wayne, Ind., she was the daughter of Karen and Richard Nicole. She married her best friend, James Amick, August 27, 2005.

A dedicated animal lover, Janelle graduated in 2000 from Purdue University in animal science. She worked at Bluefish Wireless as an operational manager and was a member of Mary Queen of Peace in Danville, Ind.

Although Janelle had struggled daily with pain over the last 20 months, she was excited and looking forward to becoming a mother in January.

In addition to her husband and parents, she is survived by a sister, Jennifer Kirkpatrick (Rodger); two brothers, Jason Nicole (Cindy) and Jerrod Nicole (Stacy); an aunt, Debbie Pruitt; two uncles, Tony Pruitt and Danny Elwell; two nieces; and six nephews.

Calling will take place from 4-8 p.m. today, Thursday, October 7, 2010, at Conkle Funeral Home, in Avon, Ind.

Services will be 10 a.m. on Friday, October 8.

Burial will be at the Catholic Cemetery on Lake Avenue in Fort Wayne, Ind. at approximately 2 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the ASPCA.

Former legislator Gerig, 86, dies

AUBURN — Norman Gerig, 86, a former state representative and DeKalb County Clerk, died Thursday at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Gerig

Gerig served as DeKalb County Clerk from 1969-1976. He won election to the Indiana House of Representatives in 1976 and was re-elected three times before retiring in 1984.

Gerig represented DeKalb and Steuben counties in the legislature. He rose to become the ranking member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee. He said he worked to reduce government red tape and waste.

"He represents the very best as an effective office-holder," DeKalb County Councilman Robert Wilder of St. Joe said Thursday night. "He had very high personal standards."

In his campaign for county clerk, "Norm Gerig ran against a very popular, well-known incumbent and won in 1968. It was a surprise to a lot of people," Wilder said.

When Gerig first ran for the Indiana House in 1976, he described himself as a "progressive conservative."

GERIG: *Was active in Lions, DeKalb fair board*

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in 1941. His biography said he moved to DeKalb County in the mid-1950s.

Outside his political career, he worked as a farmer, self-employed trucker, school bus driver and auctioneer. He was active in Lions Clubs and was a past president of the DeKalb County fair board.

While in the Legislature, he drafted a law to reform the county welfare system and safeguard against abuse.

"I particularly remember as a state representative he was able to obtain an special appropriation that provided a significant amount of the money for cleaning Cedar Creek in the mid-1980s," Wilder said.

After announcing his retirement from the Legislature, Gerig said, "In the 16 years I have been serving the people of DeKalb County, my greatest satisfaction has come from working in county government and working on legislation which would encourage efficiency and economy at the county level."

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

"I believe in being as conservative with the public's money as with my own," he said at the time. "I sincerely believe that home rule is the best rule; the governmental body nearest the people is the most sensitive to their needs, and the most economical."

A native of Allen county, Gerig graduated from Woodburn schools

Donita Lawson

KENDALLVILLE — Donita Jean "Dee" (Heingartner) Lawson, 41, of Fernadino Beach, Florida, and formerly of Albion died Monday, October 4, 2010, in Fernadino Beach.

Ms. Lawson

Donita enjoyed riding motorcycles, collecting thimbles and painting.

She was born August 16, 1969, in Fort Wayne to Donald and Delores Jean (Winebrenner) Heingartner.

Surviving are her father and stepmother, Donald and Loretta Heingartner of Albion; her mother and stepfather, Delores Jean and Dave Carnahan of Missouri; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Anita Plummer of Albion and Lori (Plummer) and Trevor Rice of Kimmell; a brother, Paul Plummer of Indianapolis; her maternal grandmother, Evelyn Winebrenner of Columbia City; three aunts, Nancy and Mike Clouse of Albion, Pat Lytal of Big Bear, California, and Donna and Paul Springer of Ashley; three uncles, Terry and Brenda Winebrenner of North Carolina, Dean and Lori Heingartner of Auburn, and Dan and Jane Heingartner of Wolcottville; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, George and Geraldine (Beck) Heingartner, and her maternal grandfather, Merritt Winebrenner.

Funeral services will be Saturday, October 9, 2010, at 10 a.m. at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Ben L. Archer and the Rev. Lee Brickey of the Albion Apostolic Church officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is Friday, October 8, 2010, from 4 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the services on Saturday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Norman Gerig

AUBURN — Norman L. Gerig, of Auburn, passed to be with the Lord on October 7, 2010.

Mr. Gerig

Norman was born November 2, 1924. He was raised in Woodburn, Indiana, by his parents, Elmer and Mary Gerig who preceded him in death. He married Mary Lou Wiliamson on January 6, 1946. She preceded him in death on November 25, 1993. He was also preceded in death by his natural birth mother Mildred Rimell, a brother, Bill Rimell, and a sister, Beverly Rourke.

Three children survive: Kathleen and Stephen Bowman of Temecula, California, Gail Bratton of Richmond, Indiana, and Mike and Kathleen Gerig of Auburn. There are nine grandchildren and their spouses and three great-grandsons. A sister, Janice Delagrange, lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Norman was a lifelong farmer, he drove a school bus for DeKalb Central Schools, was an auctioneer, two-term DeKalb County Clerk, a member of the Indiana House of Representatives for two terms and worked for the Indiana State Bureau of Motor Vehicles before retiring. In retirement, Norm was a two-term member of the Auburn City Council and worked at McCullough Services.

A member of County Line Church of God since 1952, Norm served in numerous lay positions as a Sunday school teacher, a member of the Board of Trustees, the pulpit committee and a number of building committees.

He served on the Board of Directors at the DeKalb Financial Credit Union. He was a precinct committee person. He was a 50-year member of the Lions Club and a Melvin Jones Fellow. Norman was a recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash, which he received for his public service to the State of Indiana. He also was a member of the Gideons of DeKalb County and a past president of the DeKalb County Fair Board.

A celebration of his life will take place from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, October 10, 2010, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, Ind.

A funeral at County Line Church of God will be Monday, October 11, 2010, at 11 a.m., with calling at the church starting at 10 a.m. The Rev. Al Black and the Rev. Stuart Kruse will be officiating, with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn, Indiana. Honoring Norm as pallbearers will be David Bowman, Matthew Bratton, Adam Gerig, Rick Fuller, Greg Weller, Rich Myers, Mike Boswell and Steve Foley.

Preferred memorials are to the County Line Church of God or Gideons International.

To view an obituary online or send condolences visit fellerandclark.com

Annette Tjon-Buschman

FORT WAYNE — Annette I. Tjon-Buschman, 36, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, October 7, 2010, at her home.

Mrs. Tjon-Buschman

Born February 12, 1974, in Fresno, California, she was a scheduling assistant at Fort Wayne Cardiology.

She is survived by her husband, Gary Buschman of Fort Wayne; a son, Evan Buschman of Fort Wayne; her mother, Joyce Tjon, of Fresno, California; her father and stepmother, David and Gail Tjon of Garrett; a brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Amy Tjon of Avilla; a stepbrother, Fletcher Askin of Avilla; and a niece Abby Tjon.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Visitation will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. and also one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Evan Buschman Education Fund in care of Gary Buschman or to the American Cancer Society.

To sign the guest book or to send a sympathy card, visit www.pinnington mccomb.com

Kirk Bolen

AUBURN — Kirk M. Bolen, 43, died Thursday, October 7, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bolen was a supervisor at Foamex in Auburn.

He was born Nov. 11, 1966, in Auburn to Larry L. and Cindy (May) Bolen and they survive in Auburn.

He is also survived by his two children, Taylor Bolen of San Jose, Calif., and Jacob Bolen at home in Auburn; a sister, Ginger Bolen of San Jose, Calif.; and his grandparents, Edward May of Auburn and Orville and Betty Bolen of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Curtis Bolen, and a grandmother, Meridith May.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Private family graveside service will be held Monday at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Preferred memorials are to the Make a Wish Foundation.

To view an obituary online or send condolences visit fellerandclark.com

Gailanna Knox

AUBURN — Gailanna June Knox departed this life Thursday, October 7, 2010, at age 87.

Mrs. Knox

She was born on June 4, 1923, in DeKalb County to Floyd J. and Daisy Belle (Schreckenghaust) Zeisloft. She was married 55 years to her high school sweetheart, Billy G. Knox, who preceded her in death on May 16, 1999.

She was a top student at Butler High School and worked at Rieke's after graduation.

Alongside Bill, she was an agricultural entrepreneur and a devoted and loved mother. Gailanna avidly followed her sons and grandchildren in all their sports activities.

She was a member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, the Jerusalem Ladies Aid Society and an active community volunteer.

She is survived by her two sons, Noel (Maggie Mulligan) Knox of Fort Wayne and Neal (Beverly) Knox of Angola; three siblings, Evelyn Zabel of Auburn, Thornton Zeisloft of Auburn, and Zwanda Helmick of Maryland. Also surviving are six grandchildren and their spouses; Thane (Kylie) Knox of Angola, Tyson (Brittany) Knox of Angola, Trenton (Becky) Knox of Angola, Taryn Knox of Fort Wayne, Benjamin Knox of California, and Liam Knox of Fort Wayne; and five great-grandchildren, Joel, Avery, Niles, Ryker, and Brynlee Knox. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Bill, and brother Z. Z. Zeisloft.

Funeral services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home of Butler, with Pastor Susan Smith Bryden officiating. Burial will follow at the Butler Cemetery.

Visitation will be Sunday afternoon from 2-6 p.m at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home.

Preferred memorials are to Norris Chapel United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent and a video tribute viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com

Farren lived every day fully

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GARRETT — She sought to make a difference wherever she was and lived by the motto: "Never say anything you can't take back."

Kimberly Temple Farren, 51, of Garrett died on Friday, Sept. 10, 2010.

She was employed as the clerk-treasurer of Kendallville for 17 years, went on to work at the LaGrange County prosecutor's office for about two years, and was Garrett's deputy clerk-treasurer before her death.

"She was the best mother ever," said her son, Dustin. "She led by example for us to be outstanding persons, and supported my sister and I in whatever we wanted to do. She was always there for us."

Pastor Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville described Farren as a classy, intelligent woman who was strong, vibrant and beautiful inside and out. She had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh.

"She was someone who was admired by all for her integrity, wit, true grit and stick-with-it-ness in all she endeavored," he said.

Former Kendallville mayor Larry McGahen worked with Farren for nine years when he was Kendallville fire chief and eight more years as mayor.

"Kim was very knowledgeable at her job and made it easier for all who worked with her," he commented. He described how she prepared city budgets and managed the clerk's office.

"Most of all, I considered Kim a friend, and she will be greatly missed by friends and family alike," McGahen said.

Farren graduated from East Noble High School in 1977 and attended Ivy Tech the past few years.

She enjoyed landscaping and taking care of things around her house. She loved to read and spend time and create memories with her family and friends. She prayed daily for her family and friends, and she prayed for herself, according to Pattison. One of her prayers was a prayer for protection:

"God take away to the appropriate place anything harmful or negative that has been directed or attached to me, so it will never again influence me or anyone I know or ever will know. Protect me from anything harmful or negative from ever attaching or influencing me again. Fill me with your heavenly light and the Holy Spirit so only you can influence of touch me."

She married Mark Farren on Aug. 28, 2010, and they enjoyed riding their Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

At her funeral her brother, Kirk Temple, described his sister's life like a motorcycle ride: "When you start, you have many miles to go. You have many sights to see, and many people to meet along the way. When the ride is over, you have come many miles on your ride. You have seen a lot of sights along the way. You have made a lot of good friends and many memories. You have cleared your mind of things that have troubled you. Now it is time to go home."

Pattison recalled a poem appropriate for how Farren lived her life: "The headstone on your grave has two dates you no have control over, the date of birth and the date of death. The dash that connects them represents all that happens between those dates — your lives. That is what you have absolute control over. Live your dash."

"Kim embraced life and lived every day to the fullest," he said.

Farren is buried in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Kim Farren at work as Kendallville's clerk-treasurer.

Calvin Hull

GARRETT — Calvin A. Hull, 83, of Garrett died Friday, Oct. 8, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart in Avilla

He was born in St. Joe to the late Harvey and Parlia (Nichols) Hull on Dec. 25, 1926.

Starting in 1944, he was employed by the B & O Railroad. He served in World War II with the Army Air Force as a cryptographer in the Philippine Islands. In 1948 he married Joan R. Smith in Waterloo. The couple moved to Sherwood, Ohio, where Calvin worked in the tower until 1966, when he moved his family to Garrett working in the depot as a clerk until his retirement in 1985.

His interests included camping, fishing, gardening and woodworking. He was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, the Guesters Class and was a Boy Scout Leader in Sherwood and Troop 178 in Garrett.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Hull; children, Cynthia (Terry) Jackman of Summerville, S.C., Ronald (Margie) Hull of Indianapolis, Dennis (Gail) Hull of Mount Joy, Pa., Kevin (Renee) Hull of Garrett and Neal Hull of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Dr. Scott Shoaff officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church or Boy Scout Troop 178, Garrett. To view an obituary online or send condolences, visit fellerandclark.com

Preston West

GARRETT — Infant Preston David West, of Garrett, died Friday, Oct. 8, 2010, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be Wednesday 11 a.m. with calling one hour prior at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Rebecca Reas

AUBURN — Rebecca J. (Wilson) Reas, 86, of Auburn died Sunday, Oct., 10, 2010, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation in Angola.

Mrs. Reas worked for Essex Wire in Auburn for 10 years, retiring in 1980.

She attended Coburn Corners Church of Christ in Spencerville.

Mrs. Reas was a member of the Grandmother's Club in Englewood, Fla.

She was born on July 17, 1923, in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, to Hubert and Esta (Keller) Wilson. She married Walter D. Reas on Dec. 21, 1940, in the Butler United Methodist Church. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, James and Connie Reas of Pleasant Lake and Randy Reas of Denver, Colo; a son-in-law, Steve Mills of Lafayette; a sister, Evelyn Adams of Miami, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Carolyn Mills; three brothers, Keith Wilson, Lloyd Wilson, and Lewis Wilson; and one grandson.

There will be no services at this time. A memorial service will take place at a later date.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com

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Howard Miller

AUBURN — Howard J. Miller, 96, of Auburn died Monday, Oct. 11, 2010, at his home in Smith Farms Manor.

Mr. Miller worked at Warner Gear for 40 years, retiring in 1981.

He was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

Mr. Miller was born May 12, 1914, in DeKalb County to Benjamin and Gladys Miller.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, G. and Robert J. Edwards M.D. of Auburn and Nina and Hugh Callison of Katy, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, George and Carolyn Miller of Auburn; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margery L. Miller.

Private family services will be held.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to Youth For Christ or Saint Martin's Healthcare.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.pinningtonmccomb.com

Alden Owens

ASHLEY — Alden Owens, 70, of Ashley and formerly of Wolcottville died Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Owens

Mr. Owens had lived in this area most of his life.

He retired in 2000 after 15 years at Midwest Molding in Wolcottville.

He was born Feb. 5, 1940, in Hindman, Ky., to Aaron and Amy (Ritchie) Owens. He married Reva Boggs on Feb. 4, 1962, in Stroh. She survives in Ashley.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Alda and Dave Nissen of Wolcottville, Rita Hunter of Kendallville, Teresa and Troy Sams of Howe and Terri and Kevin Leedy of Hudson; two sons and daughters-in-law, Alden Ray and Norma Cochran of Auburn and Anthony Owens and Myra Conley of LaGrange; a daughter-in-law, Melinda Owens of Wolcottville; 15 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a sister, Geraldine Hudson of Wolcottville; and two brothers, Howard Owens and Denny Owens, both of Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Everett Owens; and a son, Rodney Owens on Jan. 12, 2009.

Earl Richmond

AUBURN — Earl W. Richmond, 87, of Auburn died Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Richmond worked for Warner Gear in Auburn for 37 years, retiring in 1983.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during World War II.

He attended Soul's Harbor Assembly of God in rural Auburn.

He was born Feb. 13, 1923, in Garrett, to Jacob and Eliza (Chambers) Richmond. He married Donna J. Bainbridge on Nov. 27, 1942, in Albion. She died Aug. 7, 2009.

Surviving are a son and his domestic partner, Ted Richmond and Richard DeCamp of Rising Sun; two daughters and sons-in-law, Coleen and Allen Adams of Yoder and Chris and Nick Menges of Auburn; four grandchildren and THEIR spouses, Shay and Kocoa Menges of Nashville, Tenn., Barry and Andrea Menges of Auburn, Jess Menges of Auburn and Chet Willard of Fort Wayne; and a great-granddaughter, Tenley Menges of Nashville, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; two brothers, James Richmond and Wilford Richmond; and five sisters, Wanda Richmond, Alma Burtch, Hilda Mahnesmith, Inez Walter and Evelyn Dalrymple.

There will be no calling or services. Burial will take place in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Waterloo is handling arrangements.

To view and online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with Pastor Billy Smith officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or to the family.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Irma Knapp

GARRETT — Irma M. Knapp, age 80, of Batesville, Ind., and formerly of Garrett, Ind., died at 7:05 p.m. Tuesday, October 12, 2010, at the Waters of Batesville Nursing Home.

Irma was born August 15, 1930, in Garrett, Ind., to Fred W. and Christine (Gallmeyer) Stoll and they preceded her in death. She married Elden R. Knapp on May 2, 1948, in Garrett and he died April 4, 1990.

Irma worked in sales at the Garrett Hardware for 10 years.

She was a member of the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary and Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

Irma is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Kristina "Tina" and Brian Pickens of Sunman, Ind., and a son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Susan Knapp, Carmel Valley, Calif.

She is also survived by her grandson, Adam C. Knapp, Chico, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred W. and Christine Stoll; her husband, Elden R. Knapp; two brothers, Walter Stoll and Leroy Stoll; and a sister, Alma Woodcock.

Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, October 16, 2010, at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church at Garrett, Ind., with services to take place at 11 a.m. with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating.

Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett, Ind.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett, Ind.

You may send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting: www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Evelyn Wildeson

AUBURN — Evelyn G. Wildeson, 92, of Auburn died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Wildeson

Mrs. Wildeson worked for Richards Restaurant in Auburn as a cashier, retiring in 2000.

She attended Lakewood Park Baptist Church in rural Auburn.

Mrs. Wildeson was a former member of the Women of the Moose in Auburn.

She was born Jan. 11, 1918, in Fort Wayne, to Clarence and Ilyne Baysinger. She married Robert Wildeson on Oct. 5, 1939, in Auburn. He died Nov. 2, 1987.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dale and Tillie Wildeson of Butler and Dean and Marilyn Wildeson of Huntertown; a daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Gerald Relyea of Auburn; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and a brother, Carl Baysinger.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Russ Howard and Pastor Wayne Smith officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

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Roberts was always ready for next show

BY JENNIFER DECKER
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ANGOLA — Mary Jane Roberts was always ready for the next show.

She sold tickets. Popped the popcorn. Swept the theatre. Filled the candy. Ran the projector. Changed the marquee. It was all part of owning and operating the Brokaw Theatre in Angola for some 20 years. She retired from the movie theatre in 1995.

Mary Jane died Oct.7 at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola after an extended illness. Her daughter, Toni Roberts of Angola, recalled her mother didn't like a lot of fuss, but led a full life.

"She was active up to the time she got sick. She was a bowler. She liked painting. She drew pictures for all of the chapters of her Class of 1943 Angola High School yearbook, 'The Key,'" Toni said. "It was during the war and I think some were of sailors and of military type. She was always doing something. She used to play poker with her family."

Toni also recalled her mother volunteered for The Gray Ladies, a group that volunteered during emergencies in providing care. "I remember once there was a food poisoning at the Buck Lake Ranch and they called in the Gray Ladies. She always took care of family," Toni said.

Mary Jane was born Nov. 22, 1924, in Angola to the late Oliver and Nellie (Bunker) Rose. Mary Jane was raised in Angola. She met her husband, the late Merwin Roberts, when rollerskating. Toni believed her parents had a two-year courtship, before marrying at the Chapel in the Garden in Angola, which is now the Congregational Church.

Mary Jane and Merwin each came from 10-children families. Once married, the couple settled in Angola and Merwin went to work for the now defunct Weatherhead Company. They had three children: Toni and two sons: Terry Roberts of Angola and Todd Roberts of Sand Springs, Okla., along with three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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Mary Jane Roberts loved dogs, especially Murphy (left) and Pickles. Mary Jane also rescued two greyhounds named Gracie and Wana.

From 1974-1995, Mary Jane owned and operated the Brokaw, which was built in 1931. At that time, the movie house had one giant screen and today it has two. "Her and my father sold tickets and made popcorn. A booker worked with film companies (for movies). Movies were shown at night with Sunday matinees. We grew up there," Toni said. "I don't think (Mary Jane) really hated any part — she stuck to selling tickets."

When it was time to run the Brokaw on a daily business, Mary Jane would announce, "I gotta go to the show" and off she went, Toni said. A few movies weren't shown over the years there that were controversial in nature.

Mary Jane was also active politically and was a Democrat. She was a poll worker and always made sure she voted. Her favorite president was likely John F. Kennedy and she did not like President George H.W. Bush or his son, President George W. Bush.

Dogs had a special place in Mary Jane's heart. "She was a dog lover. She rescued two greyhounds, Gracie and Wana, and had two toy poodles, Murphy and Pickles," Toni said. "She had all different breeds. I think she liked toy poodles best."

Memorials for Mary Jane Roberts may be made to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

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Woodrow Lee

CORUNNA — Woodrow "Woody" Lee, 76, of Corunna died Friday, Oct. 15, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne Street, Waterloo.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Corunna Volunteer Fire Department.

Kathrian Keesler

AUBURN — Kathrian A. "Kitty" Keesler, 76, of Auburn died Sunday, October 17, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Keesler

Mrs. Keesler worked at Wakfield Company Inc. in Waterloo for 15 years and for Lectron Products Inc. in Hamilton for several years before retiring in 1987. After her retirement, she worked alongside her husband as a special deputy for the DeKalb County Sheriffs Department, transporting inmates.

She also volunteered her time working in the Curiosity Shop at the DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn. She was also very active in the Ladies Aide at the church.

She was born January 28, 1934, in Auburn, to Worthy T. and Edna B. (Neitzel) Clouse.

She married Duane Lee "Buck" Keesler on June 8, 1952, in the Little Church in the Garden in Angola. He died December 7, 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Brian D. and Bonnie Keesler of Auburn; five daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy Heffley of Paulding, Ohio, Toni and Ron Gall of Garrett, Lona and Jerry Nusbaum of Garrett, Shon and Randy Cook of Garrett, and Angela and Jeff Shearer of Auburn; a sister-in-law, Carolyn Clouse of Auburn; 20 grandchildren; and 24 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a brother, Richard Clouse; and a granddaughter, Stephanie Nusbaum.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1801 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and also from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at the church prior to the funeral service.

Memorials may be directed to Trinity Lutheran Church.

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Woodrow Lee

CORUNNA — Woodrow "Woody" Lee, 76, of Corunna died Friday, October 15, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Ft. Wayne.

Mr. Lee

Mr. Lee worked in the construction industry for Clark, Stewart and Wood. He then went on to work for the Newman Foundry, and retired in 1996 after 33 years of service.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean War.

He was a member of the Corunna Community Church, Kendallville American Legion Post 86, Francis E. Vineyard Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749 in Kendallville, and Kendallville Eagles.

He was born June 29, 1934, in Nicholasville, Ky., to Edgar C. and Lena (Lutz) Lee.

He married Elsie Lucky on April 30, 1960, in Nicholasville, Kentucky. She died June 17, 2009.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, MaryAnn and Richard Hillard of Knoxville, Tenn., a granddaughter and her husband, Janet K. and Ron Barton of St. Joe, Louisiana; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Raymond R. and Christine Lee of Nicholasville, Ky., and Lee J. Stubblefield of Nicholasville, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and four sisters, Marie Smith, Mary Lee, and two infant sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St, Waterloo. The Rev. Richard Pickard will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with military graveside services being conducted by the Kendallville Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today, Monday, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Corunna Volunteer Fire Department.

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Melvin Treesh

GARRETT — Melvin L. "Pete" Treesh, 77, of Garrett, died Sunday, Oct. 17, 2010, in Columbus, Ind.

Mr. Treesh was a journeyman at Auburn Gear for 42 years before retiring in 1997.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born March 21, 1933, in Garrett to Walter C. and Mabel (McKinley) Treesh. He married Carol J. Dye on Aug. 6, 1955, in Auburn and she survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters in-law, James and Nancy Treesh of Columbus, Ind., Jeri and Janet Treesh of Pleasant Lake and John Treesh of Kendallville; two daughters, Katherine Burns of Florida and Janis Krieg of Garrett; 15 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Robert and Kenneth Treesh; and five sisters, Eilene Stover, Annabell Basse, Helen Treesh, Florence Brown and Betty Shilling.

A celebration of life service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the First Christian Church, 910 N. Indiana Ave., Auburn, Ind., with the Rev. Walter Coy officiating.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church in Auburn or to the family.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Herman Ellert

WATERLOO — Herman J. Ellert, 91, of Waterloo died Monday, October 18, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Ellert

Herman was born in Waterloo on February 20, 1919, to the late Anthony Dan and Margaret (Blomeke) Ellert.

He was a lifetime farmer.

He was a U.S. Army WWII veteran and was a Purple Heart recipient.

He was a lifetime member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo.

He was also a lifetime member of the Waterloo VFW and D.A.V. (Disabled American Veterans). He was a member of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

He married Eulalia Traxler on April 9, 1947, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and she survives.

He is also survived by a son, Edward (Penny) Ellert of Waterloo; five daughters, Jane (Jackie Pranger) Ellert of Fort Wayne, Beverly (Jack) Bireley of Hamilton, Doris (Norb) Miller of Waterloo, Maxine (Frank) Dunn of Waterloo and Janet (Terry) Kurtz of Edon, Ohio; a daughter-in-law, Beverly Ellert of Bryan, Ohio; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Howard Ellert; a grandson, Alex Ellert; four brothers; and a sister.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m. Friday, October 22, 2010, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo, with a rosary recited at 7:30 p.m. There will also be calling one hour prior to the service at the church Friday from 10 to 11 a.m.

Memorials can be directed to the church.

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James Crothers

NEW HAVEN — James Walter Crothers, 85, died Monday, Oct. 18, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Thursday at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Pastor Chris Steele officiating.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice, 1900 Carew St., Suite 6, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Anna Shanyfelt

AUBURN — Anna Rose Shanyfelt, 67, of Auburn died Tuesday, October 19, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Shanyfelt

She was born December 13, 1942, in Fort Wayne to Albert and Zola (King) Love.

She was a homemaker.

She married Henry Shanyfelt on December 9, 1959, and he survives.

She is also survived by five sons, Daniel E. (Sandra) Shanyfelt of Garrett, Herbert Wayne Shanyfelt of Cleveland, Ohio, Mark Allen (Lori) Shanyfelt of Auburn, Brian Neal Shanyfelt of Auburn, and Marty L. Thomas of Garrett; 13 grandchildren including Justin Heileman and Theresa Egly of Auburn; and 16 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Charles (Judy) Thomas of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Beth Ann Heileman; a grandson; a brother; and five sisters.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, October 23, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Shawn Browning officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials can be directed to American Cancer Society.

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Ex-Garrett man killed in Vegas

Tim VanDerbosch beaten, hit by vehicle

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — A former Garrett man died in a Las Vegas hospital Wednesday after robbers beat him and then a motorist accidentally struck him, police say.

Timothy VanDerbosch, 50, was a physics and chemistry teacher at Eldorado High School. He was a 1979 graduate of Garrett High School and still has family members living in DeKalb County. His late father, Phil, was mayor of Garrett from 1980 to 1984.

VanDerbosch's brother, Dave VanDerbosch of Garrett, said Timothy VanDerbosch returned to visit DeKalb County several times a year.

According to reports in the Las Vegas Review-Journal newspaper, VanDerbosch was walking to work at 5:30 a.m. Wednesday when he was targeted in what Las Vegas police described as "a brutal and violent robbery."

VanDerbosch

The Review-Journal said police received reports that VanDerbosch was attacked and beaten by several Hispanic men.

The newspaper said a Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department report stated, "The victim was left injured and lying in the street, where he was accidentally run over by a passing motorist. The motorist remained at the scene and has cooperated fully with metro's investigation. No charges are anticipated to be filed against the motorist."

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The Review-Journal said police think Vanderbosch's robbery was one of four violent acts committed that morning by the same group of suspects. The crimes involved guns and knives, and at least two other victims were hospitalized after being pistol-whipped by the suspects, the Review-Journal reported.

No arrests had been made in the case as of Wednesday night.

The school district where VanDerbosch taught sent a letter home to parents addressing his death, along with the unrelated death of another teacher, Pamela Orr-Sowers.

The letter stated, " … the shock of this terrible news is having an adverse effect on our faculty and students … They were both an integral part of our staff in enhancing a positive community for our students and employees. These teachers will always be remembered as a part of our school family and we will miss them greatly."

Funeral arrangements for VanDerbosch are pending at Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett.

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'Integrity' was his middle name

Norman Gerig earned respect in community and state

BY DAVE KURTZ
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AUBURN — In his best-known role, Norman Gerig of Auburn served his community as a county clerk, state representative and city councilman.

People who knew him closely saw many more sides of Mr. Gerig, who died Oct. 7 at the age of 85.

For 58 years, he helped lead the County Line Church of God, south of Auburn, as a trustee, Sunday school teacher and mentor at couples retreats.

Senior pastor Stuart Kruse tells about the first time Mr. Gerig and his late wife, Mary Lou, visited the church as a young couple. At a congregational meeting, someone expressed the opinion that the church did not need new people.

The Gerigs went home thinking it was not the church for them, but soon three couples arrived at their front door, encouraging them to ignore the comments and come back.

Norman Gerig never forgot that, Kruse said, and he supported a vision of the church moving forward and reaching out.

"He always gave that speech of: 'We always can welcome more people into the church,'" Kruse said.

"If Norm said it, people would believe it," Kruse added. "He was a calculated risk-taker. He would push people to do things that were within the realm of possibility."

Many people turned to Mr. Gerig for sound advice about life — including the church's retired pastor, Al Black of Auburn.

"He was kind of my adopted father," Black said. "I went to him for counsel and tapped his wisdom many times about decisions. He was always ready and very wise about responses."

Black added, "He was a spiritually committed man, committed to Christ, and expressed wisdom and spiritual insight. … He was very sensitive to the needs of other people."

Mike Gerig had Norman Gerig as his real father, and remembers him as a hard-working, dawn-to-dusk farmer.

At the end of the day, Mike Gerig said, "If I met him at the back steps with my glove, even though I knew he was dead tired, he would always play catch with me. He had to have worked 14 hours … but he never turned me down."

Later, Mike Gerig said, his parents never missed one of his college football games, driving long distances and enduring rain, sleet and snow. They showed the same commitment to the activities of their other children and their grandchildren, he added.

Many people who grew up in rural Auburn remember Norman Gerig as their school bus driver. On the last day of school each year, he bought every student on the bus a frozen treat from Al Grogg's service station in Auburn.

As a 50-year member of the Auburn Lions Club, Gerig managed to preside over the club successfully even while he faced the many demands on a county clerk.

"He was an extremely conscientious individual," said Hubert Stackhouse of Auburn, a longtime fellow Lion. "That man's middle name should have been 'integrity.'"

"I think he just had a servant's heart," Mike Gerig said. "The public servant was what people saw, but he did a lot of things for our farm community — our neighbors."

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Norman Gerig retired from the Indiana House of Representatives to care for his wife, Mary Lou, when her health began to fail.

His strong character served Gerig well in the state Legislature, where he rose to become the ranking Republican member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee.

He loved the Legislature, his son said, and Gerig probably could have been re-elected indefinitely. But after eight years in Indianapolis, he retired to care for his wife, whose health was failing.

"He just didn't feel good about being away from her," Mike Gerig said. "He gave up something he really loved to take care of someone he loved even more. That was a pretty good life lesson for those of us who were watching."

Barbara Ronan

MARSHALL, Mich. — Barbara L. Ronan, 83, of Marshall, Mich., died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2010, surrounded by her family at Oaklawn Hospital.

Barb was born on Dec. 11, 1926, in Auburn, to Charles and Helen (Hewitt) Hornett. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1944. She married Keith Ronan in 1956. Their marriage ended in divorce.

Mrs. Ronan

Barb worked for the Schuler's Commissary and later would retire from Campbell's Soup, after working 25 years.

She loved the outdoors and especially enjoyed working in her garden, going for walks, bird watching and fishing.

Barb was an avid sports fan and frequently attended Marshall High School sporting events. She was an excellent cook, loved to bake and enjoyed crocheting and embroidery. Barb loved spending time with her family, especially the time she spent with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her son Ken (Christina) Ronan of Battle Creek, Mich.; two daughters, Ann (Larry Neal) Heathcote of Wyoming and Cindy (Terry) Spalding of Batavia, Ill.; and two grandchildren, Brendan Joseph Ronan and Rachel Lynn Spalding. She also is survived by her two sisters, Judith (James) Witherspoon of Garrett and Norma (David) Rhodes of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Harry Lee Hornett of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Charles Hornett Jr. and Dennis Hornett, and an infant sister, Rose Mary Hornett.

Family will greet friends on Tuesday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Craig K. Kempf Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 723 Old U.S. 27 North, Marshall, Mich., (269) 781-9858. A memorial service will take place at 1:30 p.m. with the Rev. James Codde officiating.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Alley Cat Angels (A Feral Cat Rescue Society) or to Binder Park Zoo. Assistance with memorials is available at the Craig K. Kempf Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 519, Marshal, MI 49068. Leave a personal message for the family and sign the online guest book at kempffuneralhome.com.

Gary Petre

WATERLOO — Gary Edward Petre, 68, of Waterloo died Sunday, October 24, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Petre was a supervisor for Universal Tool and Stamping Company in Butler, retiring after more than 30 years of service.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Butler.

He was born October 24, 1942, in Hamilton, to John Fredrick Petre and Elsie (Rogers) Petre Sowles.

He married Mary Ann Placencia on July 2, 1977, in Auburn. She survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving is a daughter, Michele Stone of Elida, Ohio; three sons and daughters-in-law, Gary Michael and Katie Petre of Auburn, Tim and Amy Petre of Auburn, and Jim and Jenny Allen of Auburn; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Ellen Mary and Charlie Briggle of Florida, Juanita and Roland Cook of Montpelier, Ohio, and Mary Alice and Larry Aschleman of Auburn; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Andrew Petre of Albion, and Roger and Debbie Petre of Butler; two sisters-in-law, Lois Petre of Fremont, and Mary Petre of Auburn; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Richard Petre, and DeWayne Petre.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and from 1-2 p.m. Wednesday prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Mary Ann Petre.

To view and online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Jacquelyn Miller
Jillian Miller

FORT WAYNE — Infant twins Jacquelyn and Jillian Miller of Fort Wayne died at Parkview North Hospital.

A memorial gathering will be Thursday from 4-6 p.m. at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church parlor, 300 E. Wayne Street, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the church.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, Auburn, is assisting with arrangements.

Sherry Guinn

FORT WAYNE — Sherry Lee Guinn, 63, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, October 23, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne.

Mrs. Guinn

Ms. Guinn was a homemaker.

She was born on November 24, 1946, in Auburn to Donald E. and Margaret E. (Carpenter) Mavis. They both preceded her in death.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Beau Krebs of Angola; and two grandchildren, Maysa Krebs and Kollin Krebs.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Father Fred Pache officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Byron Health Center, 12101 Lima Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46818.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Joseph McNamara

AUBURN — Joseph Edward McNamara, 68, died Sunday, October 24, 2010, at his home in Auburn.

Mr. McNamara worked at County Line Cheese in Auburn for 29 years then with Airway in Auburn for 14 years before retiring in January 2004.

He was born Nov. 7, 1941, in Garrett to Robert and Meriam (Parker) McNamara. He married Carolyn Voirol on Feb. 9, 1963, in Auburn and she survives.

He is also survived by a son and daughter in law, Brian and Amy McNamara of Avilla; son-in-law, David Myers of Butler; five grandchildren; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Beverly and Allen Albright of Kendallville and Linda and Marshal Brumbaugh of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Miley S. Myers; a grandson, Brandon Myers; and two brothers, Larry and David McNamara.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Joseph Hein officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice.

To view an obituary online or send condolences visit fellerandclark.com

Gary Petre

WATERLOO — Gary Edward Petre, 68, of Waterloo died Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2010 at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and from 1-2 p.m. Wednesday prior to the services at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Mary Ann Petre.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit fellerandclark.com.

Dr. Michael Webb

AUBURN — Dr. Michael K. Webb, MD, 72, of Auburn died Thursday, October 28, 2010, at his home with his family by his side.

Dr. Webb

He was born October 21, 1938, in Auburn to Verle and Florence (Snyder) Webb.

In 1981, he opened a private medical practice in Auburn as an obstetrician/gynecologist until his retirement in 2003.

He is a U.S. Air Force Vietnam veteran.

He was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church and a member of the AMA and Retired Physicians Group in Florida.

He was a 1956 graduate of Auburn High School and graduated from Medical School in 1965 from Indiana University.

He volunteered at the RSVP Food Pantry and enjoyed playing his guitar with Earl's Country Jam.

He married Flo (Weeder) Cserep on October 30, 1982 in the Auburn Presbyterian Church and she survives.

He is also survived by six children, Jeff (Shelly) Webb of Fort Myers, Fla., Greg (Melissa) Webb of Indianapolis, David (Michelle) Cserep of Auburn, Dan Cserep of Chalmers, Debbie (Rick) Lute of Fayetteville, Ga., and Diana (Mark) Engdahl of Granger; 10 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Kenneth Webb.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday, November 1, 2010, at the Auburn Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Lyle Ewing and the Rev Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn.

Preferred memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice, RSVP Food Pantry or Stand Up for Cancer, File 1224, 1801 W. Olympic Boulevard, Pasadena, CA 91199-1224.

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Ruth Ann Weilbaker

AUBURN — Ruth Ann Weilbaker, 70, died Saturday, October 30, 2010 at her home in Auburn surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Weilbaker

She was born May 19, 1940 in Auburn. Her father Walter Porter, her mother and step father Vera (Haywood) and Ronald Ranney and her grandmother Anna Haywood who raised her have preceded her in death.

Ruth Ann worked at Magnavox in Auburn for 12 years before retiring in 1993. She was a member of the Women of the Moose.

She married Howard Dale Weilbaker on May 23, 1964 in St. Marks Lutheran Church in Auburn and he survives. She is also survived by four daughters, Ronda Weilbaker of Dayton, Ohio, Michelle Weilbaker of Vero Beach, Fla., Traci (Mark) Schilling of Dexter, Mich. and Shannon Weilbaker of Auburn; 10 grandchildren, Chad Balser, Jennifer (Aaron) Williams, Christina Corripio, Marina Conroy, Jacob Schilling, Taylor Schilling, Madelyn Schilling, Chase McCollough, Morgan McCollough and John McCollough; five great grandchildren; three brothers and a sister, Dave (Louise) Porter of Angola, Ronald (Louise) Ranney of Vero Beach, Fla., Jim (Donna) Ranney of Springfield, Ohio and Chris (Richard) Heiman of Garrett.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 South Center St., Auburn with Hospice Chaplin Joann Grepke officiating. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. Calling is Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials may be made to Cancer Services of Allen County or DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice.

To view an obituary online or send condolences visit fellerandclark.com.

Robert Buss

GARRETT — Robert A. Buss, 69, of Garrett died Oct. 30 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A Celebration of Life service will be 11 a.m. Nov. 2 at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, with Pastor Kevin Smith officiating.

The family will receive friends Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Timothy VanDerbosch

GARRETT — Timothy "Tim" Alan VanDerbosch, 50, of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of Garrett, died at 6 a.m. Oct. 20, 2010, in Las Vegas.

He was born Oct. 12, 1960, in Garrett to Philip R. and Kathryn R. (Miller) VanDerbosch, and they preceded him in death.

Tim was a 1985 graduate of Manchester College and received his master's degree from Indiana University in 1988. He worked in the Science Department at Eldorado High School in Las Vegas, Nev., teaching physics and chemistry.

Mr. VanDerbosch

Tim is survived by a sister, Lori delos Reyes, Fishers; and three brothers, Terry VanDerbosch, Elyria, Ohio; Philip L. VanDerbosch, Auburn; and David VanDerbosch, Garrett.

A celebration of his life will take place from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, where the family will receive friends and family.

Memorials are to the Garrett Public Library Foundation or to the Timothy VanDerbosch Scholarship Fund, c/o Eldorado High School, Las Vegas, NV. Anyone mailing a donation may direct those c/o Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, IN 46738 to be forwarded to the family.

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'Enjoy life like I did'

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AVILLA — Frances V. Wolf, 89, loved living in Avilla, spending time with her many friends, neighbors and relatives in a small town.

The former Avilla resident and Avilla town clerk office employee died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010, in Mease Countryside Hospital in Safety Harbor, Fla. She had lived in Florida the past 15 years.

"Mom loved talking about the good old days," said her son, Charlie Wolf. "When we kids were growing up, she said no one in the neighborhood ever locked their doors. Neighbors always looked out for each other, even going into each other's home to shut windows during a rain storm or taking laundry down from the clothesline."

Mrs. Wolf helped her grandchildren learn the value of hard work, discipline and perseverance. Granddaughter Tish Strickler remembered spending many hours with her grandmother learning practical skills like cooking, tending the garden and fishing.

"Along the way she also taught me about living your life with love and compassion for others," said Strickler.

Granddaughter Kris Perrone did her grandmother's hair once a week for 25 years and often heard her grandmother tell stories of her younger days. Mrs. Wolf always told her granddaughter at these appointments: "Honey, I love you, so enjoy life like I did. Those were my favorite years."

Mrs. Wolf and her late husband, Charles Wolf, were married 45 years and raised four children, son and daughter-in-law Charles and Judy Wolf of Kendallville, and daughters Sharon and Rich Vendrely of Sebring, Fla., Pat and Max Cleland of Oldsmar, Fla., and Debra Wolf of Holiday, Fla. She enjoyed spending time with her seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Daughter Deb Wolf remembers how much she enjoyed shopping with her mother and stopping at McDonald's or Wendy's for a sandwich and conversation. They also spent time together playing cards and watching their favorite Disney movies.

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Frances V. Wolf, seated, is surrounded by some of her grandchildren on her 80th birthday.

Daughter Pat Cleland said fishing was a big part of her parents' life together.

"She told me about every day, dad would nudge her about 5:30 a.m. and say, 'The fish are biting.' She would make sandwiches, and away they would go," she said. When her mother was a Cub Scout leader, she took her Scout troop fishing. All she did was untangle lines and take turtles and fish off hooks.

"Mom told me the boys would cry when the fish would bleed and accuse her of killing them," Cleland said.

One thing Mrs. Wolf taught her daughter, Sharon Vendrely, was not to take more than her share at the dinner table the first time around. Vendrely recalled one time when the family had company had visitors, and her mother fixed breaded cube steak and Vendrely took two pieces. Her mother wanted to teach her daughter a lesson.

"One night when I came home from work, she had fixed swiss steak, which I loved. As usual, I took two pieces that night also," said Vendrely. This time her mother had fixed liver disguised to look and smell like swiss steak. "I had to eat every bite on my plate, and it wasn't easy, as I hated liver," said Vendrely, who learned a lesson that day.

Granddaughter Mary Jane Dalke remembered the time she lost a contact lens while riding her bike at her grandparents' house. Her grandmother found the blue contact on a blade of grass.

"We could not believe it," said Dalke. "She had eagle eyes."

Grandsons Zach and Josh Wolf remembered how much they enjoyed fishing with their grandparents, climbing the trees on their grandparents' property and playing card games with them, such as Uno and Skip-Bo. They had so much fun playing cards with they didn't want to leave, according to Zach Wolf.

Mrs. Wolf loved watching her grandsons play sports.

"She was so proud of each and every one of her grandkids, and they meant a world to her," said Charlie Wolf.

A celebration of life graveside service for Frances V. Wolf will be Saturday, Nov. 20, at 2 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Avilla.

Robert Buss

GARRETT — Robert A. Buss, 69, of Garrett went to be with his lord Saturday, October 30, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Buss

He was born in Waterloo July 23, 1941, to the late George and Bethel (Hanes) Buss.

He was a U.S. Navy Veteran. He worked as a tool maker and process engineer for International Harvester, then he worked for Dana Corporation as a buyer until his retirement in 2004.

He was a member of County Line Church of God. He was a former Boy Scout Leader. He volunteered at the Albion Food Pantry and was a founding member of the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department.

He married Joyce Wheeler on June 1, 1963, in Auburn and she survives in Garrett. He is also survived by a daughter and two sons, Natalie (Rick) Taylor of Chillicothe, Ohio, R. Bryan Buss of Murrells Inlet, S.C., and Scott (Amanda) Buss of Avilla; six grandchildren; a sister and four brothers, Susan Davis of Owensboro, Ky., Kenneth (Peggy) Buss of Waterloo, Albert "Jake" Buss of Sturgis, Mich., DeWayne (Julie) Buss of Auburn and Claude Buss Jr. of Auburn.

A Celebration of Life service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday November 2, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, with Pastor Kevin Smith officiating. The family will receive friends Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to a charity of the donor's choice.

To view an obituary online or send condolences visit fellerandclark.com.

Larry Harrold

BUTLER — Larry A. Harrold, 68, died Saturday, October 30, 2010.

He was born on July 6, 1942, in DeKalb County to Kenneth and Marjorie (Whistler) Harrold. Larry attended Hamilton High School and served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. Larry was the retired owner of the Butler Car Care after 12 years, he formerly worked for Maxton Motors for 20 years, and Laub's Butler Shell for 12 years.

He married Sharon Wilson on June 17, 1972, in Angola. She survives in Butler. Also surviving are two daughters Jacqueline "Jackie" and Wes Hantz of Auburn and Yvette Harrold and Tim O'Linic of Davidson, North Carolina, a brother Robert Harrold of Butler; three sisters Mary Ann Drees of Fort Wayne, Elaine Conner of Charleston, South Carolina, and Louise Dorsey of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren Whitney and Wade Hantz of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother Eugene Harrold.

Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday at 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the DeKalb Heart Association or DeKalb Hospice.

Thelma Beiswanger

KENDALLVILLE — Thelma J. (Myers) Beiswanger, 84, of Kendallville died Monday, Nov. 1, 2010, at 9:15 a.m. in Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville.

Mrs. Beiswanger

Mrs. Beiswanger was a lifetime area resident. She owned and operated the Majic Mirror Beauty Shop in Kendallville for 10 years. She had also worked as a bookkeeper for Wible Realty in Auburn.

She was a member of the Tri Kappa Associate Chapter, volunteered at the Friendship Food Pantry in Kendallville and also was involved with the LaOtto School Alumni. She enjoyed gardening, birdwatching and her pets.

She was born Dec. 8, 1925, in Allen County to Charles and Emelia (Habig) Myers.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne "Suzie" and Bob Conrad of Kendallville; two grandsons, Tracy Conrad and Troy and Michele Conrad; and four great-grandchildren, Ali Conrad, Dylan Conrad, Brooke Conrad, and Ty Conrad.

She was preceded in death by a son, Michael Beiswanger in 1959, a brother, Paul Myers, and a sister, Helen Krider.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville, with Chaplain David Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Casketbearers will be Harold Troyer, Ed Stringfellow, Elvia Rimmel, Cam Schoeck, Chris Cleveland and Bryce Abbs.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville or the Friendship Food Pantry.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Martha Miller

GARRETT — Martha J. Miller, 72, of Garrett died Monday, Nov. 1, 2010, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Miller

Mrs. Miller was a collator at Renaissance Publishing, Auburn, retiring in 2001.

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn,and the Ashley Eastern Star Lodge No. 229.

She was born July 13, 1938, in Whitley County to Harold and Helen (Traster) Cooperrider and they preceded her in death. She married Edward E. Miller on Sept. 6, 1958, in Columbia City and he died Oct. 12, 2002.

Surviving are a daughter, Annmarie Miller-Fuentes of Ashley, and a sister, Mary J. Huffman of Bushnell, Fla.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Sue Ann VanHouten, and a son, Edward A. Miller.

Due to her wishes, there will be no services. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the donor's choice.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Alvin O'Neal

ST. JOE — Alvin Paul O'Neal, 75, passed away peacefully on October 31, 2010 from lung cancer while receiving treatment in Houston, Texas.

Born in Caroll, Iowa, on June 15, 1935, Alvin resided in Early, Iowa, Angola, Ind., Phoenix, Ariz., and most recently St. Joe, Ind.

During his career as a journeymen lineman and senior electrical inspector, he traveled throughout the country and around the world. In 2000, he was awarded the IBEW Lifesaver Award.

Alvin was an avid sportsman, automobile enthusiast and private pilot.

He is survived by his wife, Thyra Faye; his five children, David and wife Ginny (Cocoa, Fla.), Todd (Allen, Texas), Paige and husband Hugh Smith (Fort Wayne, Ind.), Derek and wife Heather (Melbourne, Fla.), Erin and husband Lonnie Miller (Allen, Texas); one stepdaughter, Pamela Burgart (Phoenix, Ariz.), 18 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, November 6, 2010, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 South Center Street, Auburn, Ind., with Toby Miller officiating.

The family will receive friends 1 hour prior to the service Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Tenth and Jackson Church of Christ in Auburn.

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Rodger Kinney

STUART, Fla. — Rodger H. Kinney, 58, of Stuart, Fla., and formerly of Butler, died Oct. 18, 2010, at Martin Memorial Medical Center in Stuart.

Mr. Kinney

He was born May 15, 1952, to Mildred and Clement "Bud" Kinney at Coshocton, Ohio.

He grew up in the Butler area and lived in California and Florida, where he spent the last 30 years.

Rodger loved his pets, Chewie and Paton. He was an award-winning auto body mechanic. He was a photographer and loved spending time on the ocean in his boat, fishing for shark. He also enjoyed landscaping and woodworking.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Sherri Kinney; a son, Jason Price of Toledo, Ohio; a sister, Dorothy (Bill) Miner of Butler; a brother, William Kinney of Butler; nephews George (Marty) Miner of Mitchell, Ind., Mark (Teri) Miner of Hamilton and Scott (Lana) Miner of Butler; nieces, Sheri Robinson of Fort Wayne and Susan (Nathan) Young of Jackson, Tenn.; and great-nephews and great-nieces, Jeremy Miner, Hannah Miner, Hope Miner, Maddie Miner, Nick Miner, Andrea Robinett, Danielle Young, Joshua Young, Amy Stansbery and Eric Miner.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bud and Mildred, his sisters, Marilyn and Beverly, a brother, Robert "Bob" Kinney, and a nephew, William D. Miner, the late Avilla Marshal.

A memorial presentation was held Oct. 22 at All County Funeral Home & Crematory, Stuart, Fla.

Memorial contributions may be made to Treasure Coast Hospice, 1201 S.E. Indian St., Stuart, Fla. 34997.

Michael Lengacher

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Michael Allen Lengacher, 56, died Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Services will be Friday at noon at the Cuba Mennonite Church, 10835 Cuba Rd., Harlan.

Calling will be Friday from 10 a.m. to noon and 5-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family, in care of Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, P.O. Box 165, Spencerville, IN 46788.

Arrangements are by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Nora Greuter

WATERLOO — Nora J. "June" Greuter, 71, died Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was born Nov. 23, 1938, in DeKalb County to Floyd and Martha Carroll.

She worked at Aro Corporation in Waterloo for more than 29 years, retiring in 1992. She then went to work at Airway in Auburn for six years.

She married Don Greuter on Aug. 29, 1969, and he preceded her in death on April 29, 2009.

Surviving are two sons, Charles Jefferies of Garrett and James Collingsworth of Indianapolis; two daughters, Cynthia Wines of Bryan, Ohio, and Lori Barth of Defiance, Ohio; two brothers, Sam Carroll and Donald Carroll, both of Plymouth; two sisters, Alta Richman of Goshen and Clara Popenfoose of Warsaw; nine grandchildren; and 11 stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, her stepfather, Sylvestor Wilcox, two daughters, Virginia Brake and Susan Collingsworth, a brother, Floyd "Bud' Carroll, and a sister, Maxine Blancher.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be left at fellerandclark.com

Lois Vachon

GARRETT — Lois W. Vachon, 84 of Garrett, and of Crooked Lake, Angola, died at 5:20 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010 at Millers Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Vachon

She spent most of her life living and working in Fort Wayne.

She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana University and her RN certification from Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago.

She worked for 17 years at Lutheran Hospital as the house charge nurse and 15 years at Fort Wayne Community Schools as a school nurse.

She was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola, the American Association of University Women and the English as a Second Language. She was a volunteer nurse for the American Red Cross in both Fort Wayne and Sebring, Fla., and at Matthew:25, Fort Wayne.

She was born Aug. 31, 1926 in Akron, Ohio, to Thomas Daniel and Ethel Mae (Davidson) Weaver and they preceded her in death.

She married Robert J. Vachon Jr. on Sept. 6, 1949 in Angola and he survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Denise (Vachon) and Harry Kaufman of Atlanta, Ga.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Douglas and Dwana Vachon of Atlanta, Matthew and Brenda Vachon of Tipton and Kirk and MaryAnn Vachon of Garrett; five grandchildren; one great grandchild; and a brother and sister-in-law, Don T. and Mary Weaver of Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with services beginning at 5 p.m. The Rev. Deborah Davis will officiate. Burial will take place at a later date in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, IN.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross, Fort Wayne Chapter, or the Parkinson's Disease Foundation.

Condolences may be left at thomasfuneralhome.org

Sonya Wainscott

AUBURN — Sonya Faye Wainscott, 69, of Auburn, died Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010, at her residence.

Mrs. Wainscott was a supervisor at Magnavox in Auburn for 21 years, retiring in 1997.

Mrs. Wainscott

She was a member of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn and the Women of the Moose Lodge 261.

She was born April 21, 1941, in Roanoke Rapids, N.C. to the Rev. H. V. and Neva (Lehman) Lawson.

She married Vernon Wainscott on March 2, 1968. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are four daughters, Darlene Imbody, Rita Beaty, Kimberly Wiebe, and Charlene Williams; a son, Nicholas Wainscott; three sisters, Jean Faulkner, Rhoda Cole, and Virginia Jones; 16 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Kathleen Jarnigan, three sisters, Naomi Roark, Nancy Riley and Ellen Sawyers, and two brothers, Marvin Lawson and Denver Lawson.

A celebration of life service will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010, at the American Legion Post 97, 1736 S. Indiana Ave., Auburn.

Memorials may be given at the time of the service or directed to Vernon Wainscott, 110 Navarre Court, Auburn, for area needy families at Christmas time.

Condolences may be left at fellerandclark.com

Greathouse gave of herself to others

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WOLCOTTVILLE — Jean Greathouse knew all about sharing of herself and serving people, since she lived by the motto: "You never really give until you give of yourself."

She spent her life working in social services, even in her final days when cancer ravaged her body she still went to work.

Jean, 73, lost her battle with her terminal illness Oct. 31 when she died surrounded by her family.

Keith Greathouse said no one is perfect, but his late wife, Jean, was pretty close in having a huge heart for others, especially women and children.

She was born March 24, 1937 in Glen Ridge, N.J. and moved to Columbus in 1952. In 1955, she graduated from Columbus High School and Hanover College with a degree in sociology in 1955. She was a proud member of the Phi Mu Sorority.

On Sept. 19, 1959, she married Keith. "I was introduced to Jean in the summer 1957 by a frat brother. She was attending Hanover College and I was attending Franklin College," he said. "I thought, 'This is a lady I could spend the rest of my life with.'"

And Keith was right. After a courtship, he proposed to Jean at a drive-in restaurant. She agreed and the couple enjoyed 51 years together. When the couple was first married, Jean knew little about cooking. Eventually she turned into a gourmet cook and had collected close to 1,000 recipes. Keith said it was her tradition to always make spaghetti for Christmas Eve tradition.

She devoted her life to helping people. For close to 40 years, she was a caseworker, supervisor and consultant for the Family and Social Services Administration. She then worked part-time for Job Works, RISE Inc. in Angola. At the time of her death, she was working for Women, Infants and Children in Angola. "She would discuss sad cases. She would make our two daughters, Kristi and Janie, to (help poor families) and show them they should give. They wanted to give their dolls and toys," Keith said. "Her job was somewhat stressful … She saw the other side of how the system was abused."

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Jean Greathouse spent her life helping women and children. She died Oct. 31 from cancer.

Debbie Lewis, a WIC RN, knew Jean for five years. Debbie's daughter, Rene, 13, had a special relationship that was like a grandmother and grand-daughter. "Rene started growing her hair long to make a wig for Jean, but then realized it (would help more people) to donate to Locks of Love in Jean's name," Debbie said. "She was a caring, warm lady. She donated clothes, bought Halloween treat baskets for my kids."

Carl Zimmerman was a longtime friend of Jean's after meeting her through the welfare-to-work program.

"Her passing leaves a big void for many people. She was very compassionate and had the ability to be assertive when needed … especially when acting as an advocate for a service provider or client. I think she made some of the big wigs in (Indianapolis) squirm more than once," Zimmerman said. "Jean had the strongest work ethic of anyone I knew … Sometimes I thought that apparently no one told her she was sick."

Keith said Jean's breast cancer was diagnosed in 2008. Eventually, it spread to her bones and liver, but she battled back. "She knew (Caroline Nagle, WIC director) would be by herself (last Thursday), so she went as weak (as she was)," he said. "She wore out … She told me she wasn't scared … She was very strong emotionally and would never complain or question the Lord's decision. She was a marvelous lady. I will remember her as a kind, caring individual who never had a (negative) comment."

Jean doted over her family and made sure they had tons of Christmas presents. She loved to read fiction, love stories and mysteries; catalogues, shop and add to her collection of 40 or 50 pairs of shoes. She also loved animals adoring golden and Labrador retrievers and belonged to some causes.

She also enjoyed keeping in touch with friends and family by e-mail. Keith said he often joked over the years that if their house caught on fire, Jean would have stopped to check her e-mail before getting out to safety

Jan was preceded in death by her parents, Arlene and Arthur Kimberley and her twin sister, JoAnn Morris Moody.

Survivors included husband of 51 years, Keith; daughters, Kristi (Steve) Quick of Fishers, Janie (Mark) Fransen of Fort Wayne; also, nieces, Kelley (Donny) Adair, Kim Morris, Candace (Bob) DuBrof; nephews, Jeffrey (Remy) Morris, Alan (Carla) Greathouse and cousin, Alison (Art) Finko. Also surviving are her adopted family members, Kelley, Mike and Jared Ginther and Devin Gilliam.

Services were held Thursday at First Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne. Funeral services were handled by D. O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, also in Fort Wayne. Burial was in Highland Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Turnstone Center or the Susan G. Komen for the cure.

Linda Geisinger

AUBURN — Linda L. Geisinger, 61, of Auburn died Monday, November 8, 2010, at her daughter's home in Waterloo surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Geisinger

She was born March 18, 1949, in Buckley, Mich. Her mother, Jacquelyn J. (Stein) Myers, has passed away. Her father and stepmother, Bill and Kathy Myers, survive in Auburn.

She worked for Auburn Janitorial Services in Auburn for 20 years before retiring in 2000.

She loved to fish, garden and crochet.

She married Larry Michael Geisinger on July 18, 1981, in Corunna and he passed away August 3, 2001.

She is survived by two daughters, Marie (Vince) Miller of Waterloo and Maxine (Chris) Anderson of Brooklyn, Mich.; six siblings, Joe (Pat) Hansen of Buckley, Mich., Ted Hansen of Auburn, Carl (Gloria) Hansen of Auburn, Lauren Hansen of Auburn, Sherry Hansen of Otter Lake, Mich., and Helen Smith of Auburn; and six grandchildren, Christopher Anderson, Arianna Anderson, Shayla Fulk, Ethan Geisinger, Braxton Miller and Austin Miller

She was preceded in death by her mother; her husband; a son, Michael D. Blonshine; and a stepdaughter, Michelle Geisinger.

There are no calling hours or services.

Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials can be directed to the American Cancer Society.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

To view an online obituary or send condolences visit fellerandclark.com.

Mary Tucker

SPENCERVILLE — Mary C. (Shears) Tucker, 81, died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mrs. Tucker

She was born in Colfax, Indiana, on May 29, 1929, to the late Carrol and Florence (Reed) McHenry. Her first marriage was to Glen E. Shears. Her second marriage was to Joseph C. Tucker. He preceded her in death on May 19, 2006.

Surviving are two sons, Terry (Sue) Shears of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Tommy (Tara) Shears of Sarasota, Fla.; a stepson, Russ (Mindy) Tucker Spencerville, Ind.; a stepdaughter, Toni (Mike) Dickerhoff Spencerville, Ind.; eight grandchildren; 10 great- grandchildren; and a sister, Carolyn "Teddy" M. Delagrange of Harlan, Ind.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Jack E. McHenry, on August 20, 2008.

She worked as a beautician in her own shop for years, was the founder of Beginners & Beyond Quilt Group on Yahoo.com, was featured in Angels Among Us on Channel 21 for her passion of making quilts for military soldiers and people going through difficult times and loved spending time with her family and her beloved cats.

Her computer sign off was "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You."

Calling will be held on Wednesday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, Ind.

Services will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. with calling one hour prior to the service at St. Joe Church of Christ with Pastor Eddie Clark and Pastor Steve Shaffer officiating.

Burial will be in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery, Leo, Indiana.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Animal Shelter, 5221 U.S.6, Butler, IN 46721.

Jean Coyne

LAKE ORION, Mich. — Jean C. Coyne, (Dorothy Jean Carolyn Hanson) who was born in Detroit, Michigan, on July 8, 1918, died on October 26, 2010, due to complications of dementia. At time of her passing, she had been a resident of the Lake Orion Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Lake Orion, Michigan, for one and one half years.

Mrs. Coyne

Prior to that time, she was a resident for three years at Independence Village in Oxford, Michigan. She considered her primary home to be Mackinac Island and frequently extolled the virtues of visiting or living on the Island. Most of her youth was spent between Detroit, Mackinac Island, and Florida.

She graduated from Detroit Cooley High School in 1937. She was proud of her time as a toe dancer, including dancing onstage at the Detroit Fox Theatre.

While working in her family's Davis Store on the island, she was discovered and courted by Kenneth M. Coyne (of Orange County, Indiana) and subsequently they were married in 1937. Ken and Jean spent their married life together in Union City, in and around Fort Wayne and northeast Indiana, on Mackinac Island and in Southfield, Michigan.

After Ken Coyne's passing in 1984, Jean moved to a 10 acre farm in Garrett, Indiana, where she continued her avocation of raising and showing dogs and miniature horses. For many years she owned Val-Jean Kennels, successfully breeding and showing many champion poodles and miniature dachshunds. She had also raised boxers and cocker spaniels in her earlier years. In her later years she focused her attention on miniature horses and also bred and developed many champions. She belonged to the Auburn Bar-None Saddle Club, Northeast Indiana Kennel Club, several dachshund clubs, and the American Shetland Pony and Miniature Horse Clubs.

Jean had a lifelong interest in protecting and helping animals, and was a frequent supporter of many organizations and causes including the Humane Society, wildlife foundations, nature foundations, and others. Throughout her life she was known as a kind and gentle person that cared for other people as well as animals. Even in her final years at the assisted living and nursing homes, she sympathized with the plight of others and tried to help and befriend them despite her own health issues.

She is survived by her son, Robert Coyne (and wife Neva) of Peru, Indiana; her daughter, Deanna (Mrs. Barry) Moser of Oxford, Michigan; nine grandchildren and their families in Michigan, Indiana, Georgia and Texas; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was a member of Oxford (Michigan) United Methodist Church, the Little Stone Church of Mackinac Island, and a longtime member of Cedar Creek Church of the Brethran in Garrett, Indiana.

No funeral or viewing was held; however she was cremated by Lynch & Sons, Bossardet Chapel in Oxford, Michigan, on October 28 following a brief service conducted by Pastor Doug McMunn. Family and friends are invited to share in a "Celebration of Jean Coyne's Life" memorial service to be held on Saturday, November 20, at 2 p.m. at the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethran, 5952 C.R. 7, Garrett, Ind., under the ministry of Pastor Brad Hardesty.

Her final interment will be alongside Ken in the spring of 2011 in her family plot at the Protestant Cemetery on Mackinac Island.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions can be made to the Humane Society or to other organizations which reflect her lifelong interest in animal care.

Rosemarie Cook-Culbertson

OKEECHOBEE, Fla. — Rosemarie Cook-Culbertson, 83, of Okeechobee, Florida, and formerly of Auburn, died Tuesday, November 9, 2010, at her residence.

She worked as an operator for Indiana Bell in Auburn, Magnavox in Fort Wayne, and Cooper-Standard in Auburn, retiring in 1995.

She was a former member of Meese Chapel United Methodist Church in rural Auburn.

She was a member of the Women of the Moose Lodge 261 of Auburn, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Okeechobee.

She was born on October 16, 1927, in Auburn, to Elza E. and Ida Mae (Hess) Shull. They both preceded her in death.

She married Glen Culbertson on October 13, 1996, in the Concord Methodist Church. He passed away on December 11, 2006.

Surviving are two daughters, Sara Cook of Auburn, and Judy Cook of Columbus, Ohio; two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Kathleen Cook of Auburn, and John and Kathleen Cook of Indianapolis; three grandchildren and a spouse, Michael Light, Randy and Kelly Cook, and Lauren Cook; two great-grandchildren, Melissa Cook, and Marian Cook; three stepgrandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Dolores Shull of Auburn, and Dortha Irven of Albion; and her caregiver, Rodney Fetrow of Okeechobee.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Dean Allen Cook; a stepdaughter, Marcia Heller; two grandchildren, Angela Nicole Cook, and Carrie Louise Cook; a sister, Helen Joanne Cassleman, and a brother, Roger Shull.

A memorial service will take place later this month. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to a charity of the donor's choice.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Dorothy Yoder

WATERLOO — Dorothy Ann Yoder, 78, of Waterloo died Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010.

She was born in DeKalb County on March 29, 1932, to John D. and E. Marie (Lancaster) Shipe.

Mrs. Yoder

She was a graduate of Ashley High School and retired in 2008 from the Indiana Department of Child Services' DeKalb County office.

Mrs. Yoder has also served as a secretary for the superintendent at Prairie Heights.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Tara Yoder of Albion; two daughters, Ada Marie Yoder of Angola and Marla S. Yoder Branstetter of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, John E. and Shirley Shipe of Auburn; five grandchildren, Jeffrey Yoder, Rachael Alana Shrock, Abigail Marisa Cook, Tia Rhiannon Tackett and Noah Smith; seven great-grandchildren, Desiree´ Marie Carnahan, Sarah Mae Klingerman, Zane Alaa Alabudi, Sebastian Beau Alabudi, Destiny Smith, Noah Tackett and Nicholas Cook; and two great-great-grandchildren, Hanna Elizabeth Carnahan and Colten Carnahan.

Mrs. Yoder was preceded in death by a brother, Jerry L. Shipe; a grandson, Dustin Mathew Smith; and a great-granddaughter, Chelsea Mae Robbins.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with calling from 4-7 p.m. on Friday. Pastor Greg Hiatt will officiate.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery.

Send online condolences to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

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Shirley Lyson

BELLEVILLE, Mich. — Shirley Lyson, 66, of Belleville died Monday, Nov. 1, 2010, at her home, surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Lyson

Mrs. Lyson had been a teacher's aide for more than 15 years, beginning at Savage Elementary School with special needs children and retiring from Elwell Elementary School serving the kindergarten program.

She was born Aug. 4, 1944, in Pippa Passes, Ky., to Ishmael and Lillian (Slone) Sparkman.

Surviving are her husband of 40 years, Frank Lyson Jr.; five children and their spouses, Tom (Karen) Scott of Whitley City, Ky., Ken (Janna) Scott of Canton, Mich., Mike (Lesah) Scott of Dexter, Mich., Danny (Shelley) Scott of Chelsea, Mich., and Kristal (Sean) Stewart of Napolean, Mich.; 13 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; her mother-in-law, Helen Lyson of Belleville; three brothers and five sisters, Anna (Dennis) McHenney of Kendallville, Ind., Judy (James) Smith of Avilla, Ind., Jerry (Kim) Sparkman of Belleville, Mich., Patty (Dan) Rusmisel of Kendallville, Ind., Debra (Bill) Hursey of Kendallville, Ind., Ron (Leesa) Sparkman of LaOtto, Ind., Ishmael (Nancy) Sparkman of Hedgesville, W.Va., and Sandy (Roger) Wilson of Waterloo, Ind.; also numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her father-in-law, and a brother, Don Sparkman.

Visitation was held Nov. 3 at David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

Funeral services were held Nov. 4 at the funeral home. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

Memorial contributions are to the American Cancer Society or St. Joseph Mercy Hospice.

Martin Endsley

AUBURN — Martin Endsley Jr., 77, of Auburn, died Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, after a short stay at Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville, surrounded by loved ones. He had Alzheimer's Disease.

Prior to Lutheran Life Villages, he lived with his daughter, Susan, and her daughter and son.

He was born May 20, 1933, to Cecil Martin Endsley Sr. and Woneda Crystal (Knox) Endsley, all from Marion. His parents and his step-mother, Juanita Endsley, all passed away prior to Martin.

He was an only child but made up for that by having eight children with his then wife of 25 years, Dixie Darlene (Spitler) Adkins. She survives with her husband and wonderful stepfather of her children, Bruce Spitler, in Hudson.

Also surviving are children Randy and Colleen Endsley of New Berlin, Wis., Diana and Jeff Emenhiser of Garrett, Sherry Endsley and her partner, Charley, of Hastings, Susan Endsley of Auburn, Daniel Endsley of Auburn, Rick and Mellissa Endsley of Cape Coral, Fla., Laura Endsley of Boston, Mass., and Larry and Laura Solars of Lawrenceberg, Ga.; 21 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

He had a first cousin, Shirley Conrad, who was like a sister and who is loved by Martin's family, and she survives in Marion with her children.

"Dad was an amazing person with a lot of strength and courage and a 'go get 'em' attitude. His favorite words were love and dignity."

He served in the Korean Conflict for two years and joined up with the National Guard for four years. He earned full military honors reaching the rank of sergeant.

He worked for the Veterans Administration for more than 30 years between Marion and Fort Wayne, retiring in the 1980s.

He was bored when he retired so he worked for 10 more years at Your Friends and Neighbors until a car accident cut his career short at age 71.

He also helped pioneer one of the first drug rehabilitation centers, Irene Byron and worked at the St. Joe Burn and morgue unit. He worked, worked, worked.

He was a great provider. He was a master fisherman, trapper and hunter. He was asked to give tips to fellow outdoorsmen and a local television station, Fins and Feathers of Marion.

His daughter, Susan said, "I could go on forever, however I will close with Dad loved all his children and grandchildren deeply. God needs him now 'till we meet again. Good night Dad. We love you."

Calling will be Tuesday from 9-11 a.m. at the Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Burial and graveside services with full military honors will follow at 11:30 a.m. in the Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to the family to help defray funeral expenses.

Ruth Knapp

AUBURN — Ruth Irene Knapp, 89, of Auburn died Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mrs. Knapp was a homemaker and also as a clerk at Newberry's Dime Store in Auburn for 17 years.

She was born Feb. 16, 1921, in Farmer, Ohio, to William O. and Amy (Ross) Smith. She married Dale Knapp on Jan. 26, 1945, in Texas and he survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son, Dennis L. Knapp of Battle Creek, Mich.; a daughter, Cheryl A. Carnahan of Auburn; a sister, Betty Ellert of Auburn; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and twp stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers, Earl, Jay, Ivan and Omer Smith.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Farmer Cemetery, Farmer, Ohio, with Dallas Savage officiating.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or Auburn Kiwanis Club for Riley's Children's Hospital.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

To view an online obituary or send condolences visit fellerand clark.com.

Curtis Davis

AUBURN — Curtis E. Davis, 55, died Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, at Wesley Health Center in Auburn.

Mr. Davis retired from the Auburn Foundry in 1996 after 27 years of service.

He was born on December 4, 1955 in Auburn to Everett and Esther (Rhodes) Davis.

Surviving are his mother, Esther Davis of Auburn; a daughter, Pearl Coleman of Butler; a son, Brian McKean of Garrett; four brothers, David Davis of Butler, Dennis Davis of Bryan Ohio, Jeffrey Davis of Auburn and Warren Bard of Jackson, Mich.; two sisters, Helen Hasch of Butler and Clara Musser of Auburn; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Everett Davis, and a brother, Frances Bard.

Funeral services will at 3 p.m. today at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. Raymond Warner officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Visitation will be from noon to 3 p.m. today prior to the service.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

D.O. Wasson

BUTLER — D. O. Wasson, 91, died Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

Mr. Wasson retired from Ball Brass after 27 years of employment.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Wasson was a member of the Butler American Legion Post 202 and the Disabled American Veterans.

He was a graduate of Butler High School.

He was born Aug. 14, 1919, in rural DeKalb County to Wallace and Eva G. (Steele) Wasson. He married Arlene M. Eairley-wine on Feb. 18, 1950, in Elkhart. She preceded in death on Dec, 20, 2005.

Surviving are two sons, Michael and Deb Wasson of Butler and Deo Wasson of Butler; a daughter, Sandra Meyer of New Port Richey, Fla.; nine grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchil-dren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Jo Ann Carlisle; four brothers, Richard Wasson, Louis Wasson, Kenneth Wasson and Russell Wasson; and four sisters, Pauline Green, Harriett Oberlin, Dorthea Baron and Frances Wasson. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Paul Patton offici-ating. Burial with military honors will be in Riverview Cemetery, Newville.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday prior to the service.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Bowerman a square shooter, conservative public official

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AUBURN — Loyal Bowerman worked hard all his life, dealt squarely with customers at his business and led his Auburn community as a conservative public official.

But for one weekend as a young man of 20, he acted impulsively.

His fiancee, Marie, 18, was working on a Saturday when Loyal showed up at noon.

"Here comes Loyal, all dressed up in a suit, and he said, 'Do you want to go to Kentucky?'" she recalled.

Marie knew what he had in mind, and when she hesitated, "He said, "Well, it's now or never.'

"I'm in a cotton dress, bobbie sox, saddle shoes, and I'm going to get married," Marie recalled last week.

She still wore that dress the next morning in Booneville, Ky., when they talked a county official into opening the courthouse on Sunday so they could get a marriage license. After a service ended at the Methodist church, they asked the pastor to marry them.

"We got married, turned right around and started back home," she said. Loyal took her to Angola, where they started their life together by staying with his parents.

"I'd never met his parents before," Marie said.

Their eventful weekend began a 70-year marriage that continued until Mr. Bowerman, 90, died Sept. 10.

The couple met when Marie was 16 and working at Newberry's dime store in downtown Auburn. Her assistant manager set them up for a blind date, and she soon sent a "Dear John" letter to the young man she had been seeing.

Mr. Bowerman

Loyal was working at the A&P store in Auburn when he met Marie. A native of Angola, he started cutting meat at age 12 for a butcher shop in his hometown. That led to a career in the food market industry.

"He managed markets at a very young age. He didn't always tell his age," she said.

They were in their early 30s when they bought a former bakery on the northeast side of Auburn's courthouse square and started their own meat market.

"We lived upstairs. It was just ideal," she said. They went downstairs to begin work at 6 a.m. each day and closed at 6 p.m.

Mr. Bowerman was a master at cutting meat with hand tools, Marie said.

"Whatever he did was just perfect. He was fussy. You don't get that anymore in your big stores," she said.

The market thrived because its meat was "fork-tender" and due to the Bowermans' personal touch.

"That's the name of the game, when you care about your customers," Marie said.

After some 30 years with the store, Loyal retired in the early 1980s at age 62.

"I've had 50 years of cutting meat," he told Marie.

Mr. Bowerman had been active in Republican politics, winning election to the Auburn city council and the DeKalb County Council over the years.

"We were always honest in our dealings. I think that's part of it," Marie said about her husband's political success.

"He loved government. He loved to be conservative. It was kind of his way of getting out of the store once in a while," she added.

At home, Loyal was a caring but strict father, she said.

The Bowermans' daughter, Sharon Smith, now lives about a block away from her parents' home in southeast Auburn. She worked in their market during high school and again after she married.

"You always had to be on your toes. You always had to take care of the customers — they were first," she said. And after closing time, "It all had to be spotless before you left."

When Sharon married her husband, Marvin, who was in military service, her father bought them a brand-new Chevrolet.

"He didn't want us going to Massachusetts in an old junker," she said.

She remembers her father's love of taking his dog on the lawn tractor when he mowed the yard, and his taste for gravy, which didn't stop him from living 90 years.

"He never drank," Smith said about her father.

"I would never marry a man that drank," Marie had told her husband seven decades ago.

She did marry a man who stood the test of time.

"Loyal had a lot of good ideas," Marie said, "and I just jumped in, and we worked together."

Ruth Obendorf

BUTLER — Ruth Webb Obendorf, 83, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2010 at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

She was a homemaker.

On Jan. 30, 1927 in Scott, Ohio, she was born to Perry and Sarah (Stahl) Pugh. She married James Paul Spencer on May 1, 1968. He preceded her in death on Aug. 17, 1998. She married Russell Obendorf on July 31, 2002. He preceded her in death on July 15, 2008.

Mrs. Obendorf

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Lloyd and Wilma Webb, Spencerville, and Jerry and Trudy Webb, Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Marty Urban, Albuquerque, N.M.; a sister, Betty Patton, Sandusky, Ohio; two brothers, Paul (Joan) Pugh, Butler, and Dennis (Lorie) Pugh, Auburn; 13 grandchildren; and 29 great grandchildren.

In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by a son, Lowell Webb, a grandson, Darin Webb, and her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010 at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Mark Webb officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling will be 2-7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice, DeKalb County Cancer or Darin Webb Scholarship fun in care of the Fraternal Order of Eagles of Butler.

Condolences may be sent online to hejohnson.com.

Marian Gschwind

AUBURN — Marian C. Gschwind, 97, of Auburn, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2010 at Betz Nursing Home.

Mrs. Gschwind

She was born on Sept. 11, 1913, she was born in Toledo, Ohio.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John R. and Kathy Gschwind, Auburn; a grandson, John R. Gschwind; two granddaughters, Allison Gschwind and Janice Brown; two great grandchildren; and a daughter-in-law, Ann Gschwind of Philadelphia, Penn.

She was preceded in death by her husband of more than 50 years, Robert M. Gschwind, and a son, Fredrick H. Gschwind.

Mass of Christian Resurrection will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010, with calling one hour prior at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the online guest book or to leave a condolence, visit pinnington-mccomb.com.

Betty Smith

GARRETT — Betty U. Smith, 88, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2010 at her home.

She was a homemaker and member of Lakewood Park Baptist Church.

Mrs. Smith was born March 19, 1922 in Garrett, Ind., to Harry L. and Effie (Quinn) Miller, and they preceded her in death. She married Delmar O. Smith on June 16, 1940, and he preceded her in death.

Survivors are: three sons, Myron G. Smith, Fort Wayne, Ind., Timothy P. Smith, Fremont, Ind., and David T. Smith, Harpers Ferry, W.Va.; three daughters, Brenda C. Viers, Myrtle Beach, S.C., Deborah L. Smith, Garrett, Ind., and Del Marie Burchardt, Vancouver, Wash.; 16 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Ethel Ann Smith, and a grandson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010 at Lakewood Park Baptist Church with Pastors Russ Howard and Wayne Smith officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010 at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and 9-10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010 at the church.

Memorials are to Lakewood Park Baptist Church Deacon's Fund or DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice Services.

Condolences may be sent and the online register book signed at thomasfuneral-home.org.

Ruth Obendorf

BUTLER — Ruth Webb Obendorf, 83, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2010 at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

She was a homemaker.

On Jan. 30, 1927 in Scott, Ohio, she was born to Perry and Sarah (Stahl) Pugh. She married James Paul Spencer on May 1, 1968. He preceded her in death on Aug. 17, 1998. She married Russell Obendorf on July 31, 2002. He preceded her in death on July 15, 2008.

Mrs. Obendorf

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Lloyd and Wilma Webb, Spencerville, and Jerry and Trudy Webb, Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Marty Urban, Albuquerque, N.M.; a sister, Betty Patton, Sandusky, Ohio; two brothers, Paul (Joan) Pugh, Butler, and Dennis (Lorie) Pugh, Auburn; 13 grandchildren; and 29 great grandchildren.

In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by a son, Lowell Webb; a grandson, Darin Webb; a brother, John Pugh; and her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010 at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Mark Webb officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling will be 2-7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice, DeKalb County Cancer or to the Darin Webb Scholarship fund, in care of the Fraternal Order of Eagles of Butler.

Condolences may be sent online to hejohnson.com.

Robert Baker

AVILLA — Robert Lee Baker, 78, of Avilla died Sunday, November 14, 2010, at his Home in Avilla.

Robert was born in Logansport on December 20, 1931, and raised by his grandparents, Jess and Orphia Proctor.

Mr. Baker

He worked for Essex/United Technologies in Auburn for 33 years, retiring in 1989. He then worked in Texas another seven years before retiring again in 1996.

He was a staff sergeant in the Air Force during the Korean War.

He loved playing chess, cards, crossword puzzles and the Chicago Bears.

He married Roberta Cooke on February 15, 1957, in Logansport and she survives.

He is also survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Debbie Baker of Auburn and Ronald and Debbie Baker of LaGrange; and two granddaughters, Kristen (Charlie) Westbrook of Thomasville, North Carolina, and Megan Baker of LaGrange.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 17, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, Ind. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is two hours prior to the service Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice.

To view an obituary online or send condolences visit fellerandclark.com.

Carol Hills

WATERLOO — Carol Jean Hills, 69, of Waterloo died Monday, Nov. 15, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was a 1961 graduate of Eastside High School.

She worked at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn for 30 years.

She was born Oct. 26, 1941, in Auburn.

She is survived by a stepmother, Mary Hills of Butler; a sister and brother-in-law, Margaret M. and Emerson Casebere of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn Sue and Steven Metzler of Bradenton, Fla., Sheri and Willie Crager of Waterloo, and Amy and Robert Becker of Kendallville; four stepsisters, Janet Morrow Beaty of Butler, Laura Bowers of Bryan, Ohio, Joyce Muehlfield of Findley, Ohio, and Francis Higley of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; three nieces; and a nephew.

She was preceded in death by her father, Clarence H. Hills; and her mother and stepfather, Callie V. and Edward Cluster.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Eddy Cemetery, rural Hamilton.

Memorials are to the family in care of Margaret Casebere.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Eldean Yarger

EDGERTON, Ohio — Eldean W. Yarger, 89, former longtime resident of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 10:45 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Yarger

Mr. Yarger was employed as a machinist by the Aro Corp. in Bryan, Ohio, retiring with 31 years of service. He also drove school bus for 18 years for the Edgerton Local school system.

He was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran and held memberships with Bryan VFW 2489, John D. Smith Post 10 of the Edgerton American Legion, of which he was a past commander, and the Bryan Am-Vets Post 54.

Mr. Yarger was also a member of the West Milford Church of Christ and played Santa Claus in the Edgerton area for 57 years.

He was born on March 3, 1921, in Paulding County, Ohio, to William and Eliza C. (Otis) Yarger. He married Betty J. Walden on Jan. 26, 1943, in Hicksville, Ohio, and she died in 2007.

Surviving are three daughters, Carol Ann (Ford) Hudson of Butler, Ind., Linda Lou (Fred) Storar, of Blackshear, Ga., and Mary Jo (Tom) Stemen of Butler, Ind.; two sons, Gary (Mary) Yarger of Huntertown, Ind., and Carl (Cheryl) Yarger of Butler, Ind.; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandsons; six great-granddaughters; and one great-great-granddaughter.

He was also preceded in death by a granddaughter; a brother, Allen; and a sister, Maxine Skeels.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in the West Milford Church of Christ, near Hicksville, Ohio, with Pastor Fred Lab officiating. Interment will follow in Six Corners Cemetery near Hicksville, with graveside military rites conducted by John D. Smith Post 10 of the Edgerton American Legion.

Visitation will be in the Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton from 4-8 p.m. today, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to the West Milford Church of Christ or to the Woodburn Christian Children's Home.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com

Retta Graves

BUTLER — Retta V. Graves, 85, of Butler died Monday, Nov. 15, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Graves

Mrs. Graves worked for Universal Tool in Butler for 25 years, retiring in 1988.

She was a member of the Butler Church of the Nazarene. She also belonged to the Dionne Quintuplets Club.

She was born June 16, 1925, in Summit City, Mich., to Joseph and Eva G. (Gary) Schuster. They both preceded her in death.

She married Leslie O. Graves on Sept. 14, 1943, in Auburn. He died Jan. 19, 1978.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph and Laura Graves of Auburn and Daniel L. Graves and June Fifer of Hamilton; three daughters and a son-in-law, Charlene and Colin Rose of Bryan, Ohio, Esther Graves of Auburn and Jennifer Graves of Butler; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five sisters, Zina Schuster, Katherine Smith, Helen Cooper, Isabelle Neu and Jennie Schuster; and five brothers, Carl Schuster, Robert Schuster, Clifford Schuster, Henry Schuster and Alfred Schuster.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday with visitation one hour prior at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Paul Patton officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Butler Church of the Nazarene or DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Paul Greenwell

AUBURN — Paul E. Greenwell, 81, of Auburn died Monday, November 15, 2010 at Provena Sacred Heart in Avilla.

Mr. Greenwell

He was born in Huntertown on April 7, 1929, to Perry and Clara (Schuelke) Greenwell.

He worked at Reeves/Foamex in Auburn for 12 years retiring in 1991.

Paul married Bobbie Ousley on August 20, 1951 in Pleasant Lake and she passed away February 17, 1999.

He is survived by a son, Thomas Greenwell of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Ronald Remke of Auburn; a sister, Dorothea Koble of Glendale, Ariz.; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Oscar and Kathleen Ousley of Garrett, Alonzo Jones of Corunna, Charles and Donna Ousley of Auburn, Marie Jones of Garrett, Norma Jones of Kendallville and Sandra and Delmar Handshoe of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a sister, Marie Ferguson; two brothers, Perry C. Greenwell who died at age 9 months, and Alfred Greenwell who died at age two weeks; and a half brother, Chester Schuelke.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, November 19, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials can be directed to DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

To view an obituary online or send condolences visit fellerandclark.com.

The Rev. W. Gene Schwenk

FORT WAYNE — The Rev. W. Gene Schwenk, 73, died Monday, Nov. 15, 2010 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Rev. Schwenk was a native of Owensboro, Ky.

Rev. Schwenk

He pastored for more than 25 years in various local churches in Iowa and Indiana. He started the Roanoke Baptist Church, Faith Baptist Church in Iowa, and ministered at the Aboite Baptist Church in Fort Wayne for 10 years. He has been on the Deacon board at the Lakewood Park Baptist Church in Auburn for many years.

After his retirement from the ministry, he and his wife owned and operated Kids at Play Daycare for more than 20 years.

Surviving are his wife, Betty Schwenk of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Sara (Richard) Hathaway of Auburn and Sandy (Dennis) Moughler of Butler; a son, Pat (Ruth) Schwenk of Toledo, Ohio; a brother, Richard (Nancy) Schwenk of Terre Haute; a sister, Patsy (Ron) Metzger of Elk River, Minn.; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arnold and Ruth Schwenk, and an infant daughter, Sherry Schwenk.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Lakewood Park Baptist Church, 5555 C.R. 29, with the Rev. Clare Jewel officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, and one hour prior to the services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Deacon Fund at Lakewood Park Baptist Church.

To sign the online guest book, go to mccombandsons.com.

Roeine Miller

AUBURN — Roeine M. Miller, 90, of Auburn died Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at her home in Auburn. Born March 16, 1920, in Auburn, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Molly Garman.

Mrs. Miller

She was a graduate of Auburn High School and Indiana University, Bloomington.

She was a corporate accountant for Rieke Corp. and had also worked at Borg Warner.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Auburn, Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion Post 97, Wesleyan Circle and the Auburn Women's Club.

She was an avid golfer in the surrounding area and had golf memberships at Greenhurst and Garrett Country Clubs for many years.

She is survived by a sister, Naoma Heitz of Auburn; several nieces and nephews; and a caretaker, David Johnston of Corunna.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday with calling one hour prior at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church, Auburn.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com

Rulon Daley

KENDALLVILLE — Rulon H. Daley, 77, died Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010, at Lutheran Life Village in Kendallville.

He was born July 11, 1933, in Cliffton, Idaho, to the late Ralph and Florence (Crossman) Daley.

Rulon worked at Foamex in Auburn for 18 years, retiring in 1998.

He was a Korean War Army Veteran, a UAW union leader and a member of the Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church.

He married Bertha Slone on Aug. 29, 1955, in Garrett, Ky., and she passed away Sept. 23, 2004.

He is survived by three sons, Larry Daley of Auburn, Ralph "David" Daley of Garrett and Leland Daley of Hamilton; three daughters, Brenda (Randy) Freeman of Mansfield, Ohio, Kathy (John) Bolen of Hudson and Lisa (Scott) Brown of Coldwater, Mich.; 17 grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; four brothers, Arlen (Monta) Daley of Othello, Wash., Leo (Bev) Daley of Westin, Idaho, Jerry Daley of Pocatello, Idaho and Ernest (Judy) Daley of Preston, Idaho; three sisters, Lavon (Del) Funk of Ogden, Utah, Twila (Bud) Seamens of Pocatello, Idaho and Viola (David) Hoadley of Pocatello, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, a daughter, Linda Daley, and three brothers, Richard, Robert and Searle Daley.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Monday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials can be directed to Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church.

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He wrote the book on refrigerators

George Bently, 103, was devoted engineer, citizen

BY DENNIS HARTKER
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KENDALLVILLE — His life spanning the 20th century gave him a grand perspective on the technological advances that characterized that time in history.

The inventions that we now take for granted such as the automobile, airplane, electricity in our homes and the radio were new and exciting discoveries, and he actively participated in this modern technology.

He held 12 patents in the field of commercial refrigeration. Many of his designs, including the upright cases in supermarkets that display frozen food at eye level (without doors), are still in use today.

George K. Bently of Fort Wayne, formerly of Kendallville, died Oct. 29, 2010, at The Towne House Health Center. He was 103 years old, lived a successful, rewarding life as a Christian, a husband, a father, a Purdue University graduate and a community-minded citizen.

From an early age, his interest in how things worked was obvious. He was a gifted mathematician and loved to read. He could perform complex numerical calculations in his mind. He worked on Model T automobiles and built radios. He built a home-brew radio and asked his father to put the radio's headphones to his ear. His father could not believe he was hearing a broadcast from far away. He powered his radios with batteries because the Bently home, like most homes in rural America, would not have electricity for decades, according to his son, Bill.

Mr. Bently's parents, Joseph and Anna Bently, encouraged him in his school studies.

Mr. Bently skipped two grades, graduating from Valparaiso High School at age 16, and for several years worked on the family farm and at a local department store to save money for college. He attended Purdue University, served as president of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and graduated in 1933 with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering.

Work was hard to find during the Great Depression even for a college graduate, but eventually Mr. Bently moved to Kendallville and accepted an engineering position at McCray Refrigerator Co., Inc. He advanced to the position of director of product research and development, and in 1954 became vice president in charge of engineering.

"Dad was a devoted researcher and designer," said Bill Bently. Mr. Bently was a life member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers, and wrote the chapter on commercial refrigerators included in several editions of its "Refrigeration Data Book" when it was the American Society of Refrigerating Engineers.

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George and Orpha Jean Bently

Mr. Bently was a Christian man. He met Orpha Jean Preston while attending the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville. They were married on Nov. 24, 1938, and had two sons. He served the church as a trustee, deacon, elder, clerk of session and building fund treasurer.

His wife survives at the Towne House in Fort Wayne, where they moved after Mr. Bently retired from McCray Refrigerator Co. They loved their home on Park Avenue across from Bixler Lake Park. Kathy Young of Kendallville, a friend of the Bentlys, frequently visited them at The Towne House. She remembered how Orpha Jean was having a difficult time adjusting to selling their home for the move to Fort Wayne.

George took a photo of the park from the window over their kitchen sink and had it enlarged, Young recalled. He placed it on the wall above their kitchen sink at the Towne House.

"Orpha Jean loved it, and she could feel she was still in Kendallville. This was such a loving gesture on George's part. When I visited them, Orpha Jean always had to show me the park," Young said.

George Witwer was one of the Bentlys' longtime Park Avenue neighbors.

"He was the most genuinely polite and courteous man I have ever known," Witwer said. "He was a wonderful neighbor, and a man profoundly at peace with himself."

Mr. Bently was actively involved in the Kendallville community. He was a member of the Kendallville Lions Club and the Kendallville Elks Club. He served on the First Federal Savings and Loan board of directors for more 25 years, and the Kendallville Public Library board of directors for almost 19 years. He was president of the library board when the library was built at 126 W. Rush St. in 1968.

"One of my father's happiest moments late in his life was when he visited Kendallville's beautiful new library overlooking Bixler Lake," said Bill Bently. The library is located behind the Bentlys' former house.

A few years ago, Mr. Bently became concerned about America's dependence on foreign oil and recognized the need to replace the internal combustion engine. In 2008 he wrote an essay proposing a solution based on steam. At the end of the essay, Mr. Bently wrote: "I can't help saying this. If I were young instead of being 100 years old, I'd like to work on it."

Karen Karnes

HAMILTON — Karen Lee Karnes, 54, died Sunday, Nov. 21, 2010, at her home on Hamilton Lake.

Mrs. Karnes

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning how to dance in the rain.

Karen was born July 8, 1956 in Corona, Calif. Her mother Loretta (Bisonette) Turner has passed away. Her father and stepmother, James and Donna Turner, survive in Fort Wayne.

She worked at Magnavox in Fort Wayne and also Dresser Wayne Inc. in Fremont. She was a member of the Waterloo Bunco Girls.

She married Duaine H Karnes on July 2, 1992, at their home on Hamilton Lake, and he survives.

She is also survived by two stepchildren and their spouses, Kelli and Tim Chiles of Galena, Ohio, and Gregory and Stephanie Karnes of Leesburg, Fla.; five grandchildren, Olivia Chiles, Luke Chiles, Sadi Karnes, Landon Karnes and Logan Duke Karnes; and a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Karren Turner of Jackson, Miss.

She was preceded in death by her mother and a brother, Robert Turner.

A celebration of life service will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Douglas Karnes officiating.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday and from 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Per Karen's request, her body has been donated for cancer research.

Memorials may be directed to the I.U. Medical Center.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Michael Lake

SPENCERVILLE — Michael A. Lake, 68, of Spencerville, died Sunday, Nov. 21, 2010, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, with his family by his side.

Mr. Lake

He was born in Allen County on March 3, 1942, to the late Virgil and Marjorie (Thompkins) Lake. He retired from Navistar in 1992 after 30 years of service, and enjoyed fishing, spending time with his grandchildren, and riding his four-wheeler.

He is survived by sons, Craig (Kim) Lake of Houston, Texas, and Chris (Sara) Lake of Albion; daughters, Angie Lake of Angola, and Stefanie (Brent) Malott of Avilla; and grandchildren, Connor, Breanna, Savanna, Grant, and Cole. Also surviving are brothers, David (Karen) Lake of Yoder, Steven (Cindy) Lake of Fort Wayne, and Terry (Arlene) Lake of Lake Tahoe, Nev., and sister Susan Ellison of Shreveport, La.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Lake, and sister, Patsy Gregory.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne, with visitation one hour prior.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home. For online information, go to www.sloanandsonsfuneralhome.com

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Rosemarie Cook-Culbertson

OKEECHOBEE, Fla. — Rosemarie Cook-Culbertson, 83, of Okeechobee and formerly of Auburn, Ind., died Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010, at her residence.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m., Friday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to a charity of the donor's choice.

Carol Harrel

LAGRANGE — Carol Grove Harrel, 68, of Avon Park, Florida, and formerly of Stroh, passed away Friday, November 19, 2010, at her home.

Mrs. Harrel

She was born August 12, 1942, in DeKalb County to Gordon and Violet (Emerick) Elkins, who preceded her in death.

She was an active member of the VFW and American Legion Posts.

She was known for her excellent cooking and huge heart. She will be deeply missed by all she touched.

She married Phil Grove on January 14, 1980. He preceded her in death on July 21, 2004. She then married Wayne Harrell of Knoxville, Tenn. He survives in Avon Park.

Also surviving are a brother, Robert and Mo Day of Sebring, Fla.; two daughters, Vicki Basham of Avon Park, Fla., and Cindy and John Watkins of Angola, Ind.; two stepsons, Bill Grove of Angola, Ind., and Keith and Leslie Harrel of Knoxville, Tenn.; four stepdaughters, Kieata Menster of Angola, Vianna and Terry Elkins of Angola, Cindy and Mike Weed of Sebring, Fla., and Melissa Harrell of Sebring, Fla.; 12 grandchildren, Mitch Everage, Abby Miller, Melissa Zeeb, Fallan Green, Krystal Menster, Austin and Terris Elkins, Deven, Kendall and Ian Harrell, and Sadie and Michael Weed; and five great-grandchildren.

Orpha Weller

GARRETT — Orpha Marie Weller, 94, of Garrett, died Monday, Nov. 22, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Weller worked along side her husband, Floyd, on the family farm as well as worked for the Garrett Telephone Company, Montgomery Ward, and retired from Bryon Health Center in Fort Wayne.

She was born Nov. 12, 1916, to Perry and Ola (Bishop) Myers in rural Auburn. They preceded her in death.

On June 6, 1942, she married Floyd V. Weller. He preceded her in death on May 18, 1996.

In 1987, the Wellers received a Hoosier Homestead Plaque honoring their family for 100 years of continuous ownership of the farm.

Mrs. Weller was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Judy Weller of Butler, Jerry and Alice Weller of Garrett, and Wayne and Lori Weller of Garrett; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Bernice Schowe and Naomi Carnahan; and a brother, Milt Myers.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Church of Christ, 213 E. King St., Garrett, with visitation one hour prior. Brother Bud Owen will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to First Church of Christ in Garrett, Miller's Merry Manor Activity Fund, or the Garrett Community Center.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Vernie Elkins; a grandson, Derek Everage; and a great-grandson.

Visitation will be Friday, November 26, 2010, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, Ind.

The funeral service will be Saturday, November 27, 2010, at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with the Pastor Russell Hepler officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery.

A celebration of Her life will be held immediately following the graveside serve at the American Legion in Angola, Ind.

A memorial service will be held in Florida at a later date.

Memorials may be given to the Good Shepherd Hospice, Sebring, Fla.

Anna Thimlar

MELBOURNE, Fla. — Anna Belle Thimlar, 92, born in DeKalb County, Indiana, died Saturday, November 20, 2010, at her home in Melbourne, Florida.

Anna had moved to Florida full time, six years ago, after many years of snowbirding with her husband, Lester, between Indiana and Florida.

A loving wife, mother and grandmother, she enjoyed playing bingo, sewing and gardening, but her greatest enjoyment was her family.

Her family includes her children: Merlin (Delores) Thimlar of Seal Beach, Calif., Darrell (Patricia) Thimlar of Merritt Island, Fla., Karen (Michael) Hamman of Satellite Beach, Fla., Sharon (Steve) Taylor of Oak Park, Calif., and Steven (Angela) Thimlar of Butler, Ind.; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Her husband of over 62 years, Lester C. Thimlar, preceded her in death.

A graveside service is planned for Anna in the spring at the Butler, Indiana, cemetery, where she will be interred with her husband.

Share memories and sign the family guestbook at www.affuneral.com.

Arrangements by South Brevard Funeral Home, Melbourne, Fla.

Harold Carmer

AUBURN — Harold W. "Buzz" Carmer, 80, of Auburn, died Tuesday, Nov 23, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Carmer

He was born May 28, 1930, in Auburn, the son of the late Andrew and Helen (Provines) Carmer.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War and member of American Legion Post 97.

He worked as a computer systems programmer at General Electric, retiring in 1988 with 37 years of service.

He was a member of Saint Marks Lutheran Church and GE Quarter Century Club.

Survivors include a son, Brett Carmer of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Lynn and Tim (Carmer) Depew of Auburn; three sisters, Doris Sanxter, Janet Beaty and Carole Carmer, all of Auburn; and two granddaughters, Stephanie Carmer and Andrea Carmer, both of Auburn.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Jeanne Fitzsimmons and Marion Carmer.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, with visitation one hour prior at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Visitation will also be Friday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Patricia Woodring

FREMONT — Patricia Woodring, 80, of Fremont and formerly of Auburn died Tuesday, November 23, 2010, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Woodring had retired as a telephone operator at Indiana Bell Telephone Co. in Auburn.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She also enjoyed cooking and baking and crocheting.

She was born December 7, 1929, in Garrett to Oscar and Maude (Baker) Harris. They preceded her in death.

She married Maurice Woodring on March 4, 1949, in Spencerville. He preceded her in death on August 16, 2007.

Surviving are two sons, Jack and Lana Woodring of Fremont and Gene Woodring of Auburn; three grandchildren, Corrie and Elton Owsley of Waterloo, Keri Woodring of Countryside, Illinois, and Ashley and Trevor Cooper of Coldwater, Michigan; and two great-grandchildren, Samantha and Spencer Owsley.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters and two brothers.

Graveside funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 27, 2010, at Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating.

Memorials are to the Lakeside Cemetery Association or to the Fremont Library.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Edington known for serving others

BY JENNIFER DECKER
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ANGOLA — Ruth "Ruthie" Edington was known by her family for giving her tireless energy to the three communities she lived in: Angola, Fort Wayne and Huntington.

Ruthie (what she liked to be called) most recently lived at Evangelical Home in Saline, Mich., for three years where she was close to her family. She was Resident of the Month in October 2009. She died Nov. 7 at age 84.

Her son, Dee, and daughter-in-law, Marilyn, of Ann Arbor, Mich., said Ruthie was quite proud of her extensive work with women and the community, and felt like she was helping open doors for women who were entering the workforce.

Marilyn said Ruthie always made the most of her life's situation from not taking a job in Lansing, Mich., following high school because her father thought that it was bad for a young woman to live in an apartment, to moving to the farm in Huntington following her husband, Everett. From there, they moved to Huntington for 15 years, to Fort Wayne for 15 years to the farm in Steuben County, to Gale Street and to the three facilities during the final five years of her life. Each move and location presented another opportunity to meet new friends and work in new locations, and she embraced it.

Ruthie worked in city and county positions for the majority of her career. She was administrative assistant to the Huntington mayor, city court clerk, and later served in the Fort Wayne Police Department for many years. Her civic affairs over the years included PTA Council, city and county Girl Scout Council, chief warden of Huntington County Civil Defense, and a Red Cross volunteer recognized for service of more than 50 years.

Ruthie was an active member of the Business and Professional Women (BPW) since 1950, serving in many offices on local, district and state levels. She was also Woman of the Year for four BPW groups. While in Angola, she was president of the Steuben County Women's Club, the local AARP and the Steuben County

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Ruth "Ruthie" Edington

Council of Aging Senior Citizens. She was the 1992 recipient of the Tri-State Sertoma Club's Service to Mankind award and received the Old Hoosier Award as a member of the Federation of Older Hoosiers.

The Herald Republican honored her with the 1994 Woman of the Year award and in an Oct. 28, 1994, story, it said Ruthie single-handily took donations in Huntington for the PTA to add crossing guards because it wasn't in the city council's budget. She also fixed supper nightly for her family, no matter how busy she was: "It didn't seem like a chore. It was a chore of love," Ruthie said in the story.

"She was independent and sold the farm without telling us," Marilyn said. "She was shy, but people loved her. She was a hard, hard worker."

Ruthie was also known for her greeting cards and she sent them to friends on birthdays and special times and times to let them know she was thinking of them. Since she always sent cards, she received a lot. She was well-known for passing out Free Hug cards.

Dee recalled his mother was also generous with serving so many dishes when the family shared dinner there never was enough room on the table for all the dishes. Food was fun, with little salads, often surprising side dishes at each place, new recipes and several main dishes, and always a juice to drink, he said.

Marilyn said her mother-in-law loved to find the humor in things. "We found a typed talk that she gave years ago as new president of the Huntington BPW group. She said here she was, the most bashful person when in high school and then suddenly as an adult she had been elected president of BPW by her friends. She said she was so bashful that she couldn't lead a silent prayer," Marilyn said. Joking as always, Ruthie said she went out in the fishing boat to practice her talk, and the fish were so bored they jumped in the boat.

Ruthie adored her trips to Hawaii, Alaska and Switzerland, bus trips to eat out and see plays in other states.

She loved to wear jewelry and always had her matching earrings and necklaces, Marilyn noted, with big and bright as the key.

Ruthie was born in Alpena, Mich. to William Wright Williams and Maude (Baror) Williams. After graduating from Flint Northern High School, Ruthie attended Flint Business College. She married Everett Edington in 1936 and he preceded her in death in 1995.

Also preceding her in death was a daughter Sandra Sue Storm in 1972. Surviving is Ruthie's son, Dee Wayne (Marilyn) Edington of Ann Arbor, Mich.; grandson David Glen (Stacie) Edington of Highland, Mich.; and a grand-daughter Sharin Sue Whitfield (Charles) of Greeneville,Tenn. Ruthie was proudest of her children and grandchildren and their accomplishments.

"When her daughter, Sandra, died it was sudden and left a hole in her heart," Marilyn said. "By giving it helped her live well. I can't imagine the death of a child."

Funeral services for Ruthie Edington were held Nov. 11 at the Holy Family Episcopal Church, Angola, with Father Michael Fulk officiating. Burial was in the Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Holy Family Episcopal Church in Angola, or Arbor Hospice of Ann Arbor, Mich. H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home of Angola handled the funeral arrangements.

Maurice Houser

PLEASANT LAKE — Maurice D. Houser, 78, died Friday, Nov. 26, 2010, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

He was born in Union Township, DeKalb County, on April 13, 1932, to Albert A. and Haidee (Krontz) Houser. Mr. Houser retired in 1987 after 36-1/2 years from Dana Corp in Auburn. During his career he started manufacturing plants in Charlotte, N.C. He was also a Korean War veteran, spending 17-1/2 months in Korea. He was a graduate of St. Joe High School and moved to rural Pleasant Lake in 1954.

He married Amy E. Wagner in Newville, Ind., on Feb. 3, 1951. He was a member of Hudson United Brethren Church.

Surviving are his wife, Amy E. Houser; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Danny (Chris) Houser of Albany, Ore., Doyle Houser of Pleasant Lake and Phil (Cindy) Houser of Middlebury; one daughter and son-in-law, Karolyn (Anthony) Gutierrez of Buda, Texas; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Larry (Shirley) Houser of Hamilton and Harold (Bea) Houser of Phoenix, Ariz; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Janet (Harland) Smith of Angola and Mary (Roger) Morrison of Auburn; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A brother, Linford Houser, and a sister, Lorna Delong, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hudson United Brethren Church with Pastor Craig Burkholder officiating. Burial will be in Carter Cemetery with military services.

Calling will be at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday and at the church, Thursday, after 10 a.m.

Memorials are to the church or the Alzheimers Association.

Condolences may be sent to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

Anna Lilienthal

GARRETT — Anna Margarete Lilienthal, 96, of Avilla and formerly of Garrett, died Monday, Nov, 29, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Lilienthal was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett. She was also a member of the Rosary Society and Harvest House.

Mrs. Lilienthal

She was born Feb. 16, 1914, in Braunsberg, East Prussia, to Franz and Gertrude (Weinreich) Nadolny. They preceded her in death. She married Helmut Anton Lilienthal on Oct. 28, 1941, in Braunsberg, East Prussia, and he died Dec. 9, 1965.

Surviving are five daughters, Monika Vickers of Grandbury, Texas; Gabriela Kruger of Garrett, Margaret Gammons of Keller, Texas; Antonia Warrick of Jacksonville, Fla., and Susan Green of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandschildren.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett with Father Andrew Nazareth officiating. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery in Garrett.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Friday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School or Masses.

Send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Roselyn Sowers

ALBION — Roselyn "Rosie" M. (White) Sowers, 84, of Albion died Monday, Nov. 29, 2010, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home at Kendallville.

She was born March 1, 1926, in Woodburn to Silas and Effie White.

Ms. Sowers

Surviving are her children, Tammy (Herb) Larter of Garrett, Nona Larue of Albion, Kirkland Sowers of Waterloo, Wade (Kathy) Sowers of Bronson, Mich., Vicky (Randy) Hastings of Kendallville and Shelly (Curtis) Fredrick of Albion; a brother, Elvin "Buck" (Naomi) White of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Ardella White of Helmer; a brother-in-law, Joseph Handerson of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her siblings, William White, Edna Dean, Irene Handerson, and Lillian Wesseler.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Gar Creek Union Cemetery, 15703 Gar Creek Road, New Haven.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon Friday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 E., New Haven.

Memorials to the family in care of Nona Larue, 721 W. Main St., Albion, IN 46701

Send online condolences to www.harperfuneralhome.com

Donald Wilson

AVILLA — Donald F. Wilson, 78, of Avilla died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Wilson

Mr. Wilson was the owner of We Search Research in Avilla.

He was was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Wilson was a member of New Life House of Worship in Garrett.

He was born Jan. 13, 1932, in Marion, Ind., the son of Wayne and Edith Wilson.

Surviving are his wife, Beatrice Wilson of Avilla; two sons, James M. Wilson of Phoenix, Ariz., and Robert M. Wilson; two daughters, Dia Bock of Fremont and Leslie Adang of Fort Wayne; a brother, Robert J. Wilson of California; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Merrill Wilson; and two sisters, Patsy Wiebel and Rebecca Wilson. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at New Life House of Worship, 130 N. Randolph St., Garrett, with the Rev JC Banks officiating. Burial will be in Marion National Cemetery with military honors.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to New Life House of Worship Church or the Creation Museum of Kentucky.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Roselyn Sowers

ALBION — Roselyn "Rosie" M. (White) Sowers, 84, of Albion died Monday, Nov. 29, 2010, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home at Kendallville.

Ms. Sowers

She was born March 1, 1926, in Woodburn to Silas and Effie White.

Surviving are her children, Tammy (Herb) Larter of Garrett, Nona Larue of Albion, Kirkland Sowers of Waterloo, Wade (Kathy) Sowers of Bronson, Mich., Vicky (Randy) Hastings of Kendallville and Shelly (Curtis) Fredrick of Albion; a brother, Elvin "Buck" (Naomi) White of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Ardella White of Helmer; a brother-in-law, Joseph Handerson of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 45 years Floyd Sowers in 1990; and her siblings, William White, Edna Dean, Irene Handerson, and Lillian Wesseler.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Gar Creek Union Cemetery, 15703 Gar Creek Road, New Haven.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon Friday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 E., New Haven.

Memorials are to the family in care of Nona Larue.

Send online condolences to www.harperfuneralhome.com

Paul Bonnett Sr.

GARRETT — Paul D. Bonnett Sr., 83, of Ossian and formerly Garrett died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2010, at Ossian Health and Rehab Center.

Mr. Bonnett was an enameller at Rea Magnet Wire in Fort Wayne for 31 years, retiring in 1988.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Bonnett was a member of the United Faith Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayn and the Garrett American Legion Post 178 and the Rea Magnet Wire 25 Year Club.

He was born Dec. 13, 1926, in Garrett to Carl E. and Beryl E. (Davis) Bonnett and they preceded him in death. He married Iona I. (Arnold) VanOsdale on Nov. 5, 1966, in Fort Wayne. She survives in Ossian.

Also surviving are a son, Paul D. Bonnett Jr. of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Lana "Susie" Myers of Portland, Ore.; a stepdaughter, Joan M. Hey of Ossian; two stepsons, Bernie A. VanOsdale of River Falls, Wis., and Doug W. VanOsdale of Indianapolis; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Judith Becker of Fort Wayne.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents and 2 sisters: Mary Jean Custer and Shirley Ann Bonnett.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett with Pastor Hal Thomas officiating. Burial will take place at a later date in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the United Faith Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne.

Send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org

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Virginia Dunn

AUBURN — Virginia W. Dunn, 92, died Friday, December 3, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Dunn

Mrs. Dunn was co-owner of DeKalb Construction and also served as secretary and treasurer for eight years, retiring in 1980.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn and was past secretary of the women's group of the church. She was also a founding member of the Sigma Phi Gamma.

She was born Jan. 16, 1918, in Kalamazoo, Mich., to Harry W. and Minnie M. (Harrigar) Waite.

She married Lynn W. Dunn on July 1, 1938, in Detroit, Mich. He passed away Jan. 5, 2008.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary M. and Susan Dunn of Auburn, and Richard C. and Shirley Dunn of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Lynda D. and Guy Lane Smith of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and their spouses, Brian Smith, Daniel and Jennifer Mark Smith, Gregory and Patty Reyes Smith, Ryan Dunn, and Laura Dunn; and two great-grandchildren, Victoria Smith and Grayson Smith.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Lewis H. Waite and Edward H. Waite; a sister, Ardith B. Conway; and a great-grandchild, Tyler Smith.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with visitation one hour prior to the service. The Rev. Dale Williams and the Rev. Ted Jansen will officiate.

Calling will also be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Doctor started lives, enjoyed his

BY DAVE KURTZ
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AUBURN — Michael K. Webb, M.D., of Auburn delivered some 9,000 babies in his career.

Almost anywhere he went, people reminded him of his role in starting new lives.

"We were in Aruba one time, and somebody came up and said, 'Dr. Webb, remember this kid?'" said Webb's wife, Flo.

Dr. Webb also lived a rich life outside the delivery room, his wife and friends said in remembering him. He died Oct. 28 at his home in Auburn, claimed by cancer one week after his 72nd birthday.

Born in Auburn, Webb graduated from Auburn High School and earned a medical degree at Indiana University. He served as a physician in the Air Force, and during that time decided to specialize in obstetrics and gynecology, Mrs. Webb said.

Dr. Webb practiced in Indianapolis before returning to his hometown in 1981. He married Flo a year later.

Jayne McClellan knew the Webbs as friends and also worked with Dr. Webb in her career as a nurse.

"He always treated the nurses wonderfully," McClellan said. "He was an excellent, excellent obstetrician. I don't believe there would be a nurse or doctor who worked with him who wouldn't have high praise for his professionalism and his nice personality."

McClellan said she and her husband joined the Webbs to play Trivial Pursuit long after the game lost its fad status.

Dr. Webb spent even more time playing his guitars.

"Michael used to serenade me quite a bit" around the house, Flo Webb said.

One day, Earl Healy of Auburn invited Dr. Webb to join a country music group that played in Healy's basement. They eventually began performing in public at an Auburn coffee shop and later on the DeKalb Outdoor Theater's stage.

"It was one of the most fun things Mike did after retirement," Flo said.

Dr. Webb joined a second regular music session at Rooster's in downtown Butler.

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Dr. Michael Webb, left, of Auburn performs with Mary Alice Aschleman in a country music concert by Earle's Country Jam in 2009 at the DeKalb County Outdoor Theater.

"He came over and played with us every Tuesday night," said Lee Kallsen of Antwerp, Ohio. "He said it was kind of like therapy for him, he enjoyed it – and we enjoyed having him."

Kallsen's group entertained at nursing homes, where Dr. Webb liked to play "Old MacDonald's Farm" and invite residents to make the animal sounds.

"They just loved it," Kallsen said.

Dr. Webb's introduction to music came from his mother, Florence, a professional musician who played organ and piano at the Emboyd theater in Fort Wayne (now the Embassy) and for country music bands at Buck Lake Ranch near Angola.

"When his family would get together, everybody played something. There was a lot of music," Flo Webb said.

In a highlight of Dr. Webb's last few months, his son, Greg, visited regularly for jam sessions on their guitars.

On one special occasion this year, the doctor and his two sons went to Sweetwater Sound in Fort Wayne, where he bought a treasured Gretsch guitar.

Dr. Webb also treasured the Chicago Cubs baseball team. In the 1980s, Flo sent him to a Cubs fantasy camp in Scottsdale, Ariz., where he practiced and played alongside retired major league stars.

"It was the best gift that I was ever able to give him," she said.

Flo Webb and McClellan describe Dr. Webb as a great jokester and story-teller.

"He made me laugh every day," Flo Webb said.

Dr. Webb saw the humor when he served as team doctor for the DeKalb Barons football squad in the mid-1980s. He called himself "probably the only OB-GYN football team doctor in the country."

Dr. Webb kept his good humor through his terminal illness.

"He just didn't complain much," McClellan said. "He tried to make it easy on everyone."

All six of the doctor's children gathered at his home in Auburn on the final day of his life, Flo Webb said.

His family is making plans to establish a scholarship in Dr. Webb's name to support a DeKalb High School graduate who intends to study medicine.

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Bill Shetley

AUBURN — Bill J. Shetley Sr., 62, of Auburn died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Shetley

Mr. Shetley was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving for 11 years. He then retired from the City of Auburn where he worked for the Water Treatment Plant.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

He was an avid fisherman and camper and loved the outdoors, but his true passion was his family and the numerous family gatherings.

He was born March 28, 1948, in Waco, Texas, to James W. and Doris M. (Gray) Shetley. They both preceded him in death.

He married Hettie J. Johnston on Sept. 25, 1976, in El Paso, Texas. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jessica and Trent Curran of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Billie Jr. and Glinda Shetley of Auburn, and Jason and Amanda Shetley of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Colleen Shetley of Waterloo; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Betty and Don Zinn of Kansas, and Patricia and Franklin Swearngan of N. Carolina; and 14 grandchildren; Zyla Shetley, Trent Curran Jr., Billie Shetley III, Zesha Shetley, Jesse Curran, Zain Shetley, Austin Curran, Andrew Shetley, Haleigh Shetley, Oliva Shetley, Trevor Shetley, Nathan Shetley, Noah Shetley and Synndel DeWitt.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with visitation from noon until 1 p.m. prior to the service. The Rev. Edward R. Hughes will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn, with military graveside services being conducted by the U.S. Army and American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Calling will also be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Hettie Shetley.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Ronald Rose

ANGOLA — Ronald H. Rose, 83, of Angola, Ind., died Saturday, December 4, 2010, in Wauchula, Florida.

Mr. Rose

Mr. Rose was the co-owner of Booth Rose Realty in Angola, Ind.

He had served as Steuben County Treasurer for eight years and as a Steuben County councilman for eight years.

Mr. Rose served on the board of directors of the Angola State Bank.

He was a member of the Northeast Indiana Board of Realtors, NATMUS of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, Angola American Legion Post 31, Captain's Cabin Screwball Club and a former member of the Angola Lions Club.

He was a 1944 graduate of Angola High School and a 1948 graduate of Tri-State College in Angola.

Mr. Rose was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was born December 21, 1926, in Angola, Ind., to Graydon H. and H. Wilmet (Aldrich) Rose. He married Barbara Penner on March 17, 1950. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kathy (Greg) Aldrich of Angola and Karen (Jerry) Brown of Wauseon, Ohio; a brother, Charles (Donna) Rose of Bluffton, South Carolina; two sisters, Harriet (Paul) Auginbaugh of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Martha Latson of Angola; and five grandchildren, Ronald Aldrich, Brent Aldrich, Sarah Brown, Tom Brown and Mark Brown. He will also be missed by his cat, Sherman.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Dean Rose and Duane Rose.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, December 10, 2010, at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, Ind., with Pastor Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola with military graveside services by Angola American Legion Post 31.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, December 9, 2010, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to Powers Church and the Steuben County Humane Society.

You may sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.c

R. Gene Snook

GARRETT — R. Gene Snook, 80, of Garrett died Sunday, Dec. 5, 2010, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Snook

Mr. Snook was a Garrett Police officer from 1953-1973 and a DeKalb County deputy from 1973-1995. He was also a driver for PTI from 2003-2005.

He was a member of the Butler American Legion Post 202, Garrett Eagles, DEKAT Camping Club and Wee Campers Camping Club.

Mr. Snook was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was born July 31, 1930, in Deshler, Ohio, to Rodney Don and Audrey (Crawford) Snook. He married Helen M. Eck on Aug. 7, 1973 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons in-law, Tonnie (Richard) Karle of Scottsdale, Ariz.; Debra (Dean) Putt of Albuquerque, N.M. and Vicki (Ron) Rathburn of Butler; three sons, Larry Treesh and his fiancee, Brenda Carpenter, of Topeka; Jacob (Renee) Snook of Ashley and Loren Snook of Garrett; three stepchildren, Keith Secrest of Waterloo, John Secrest of Garrett and Melissa Secrest of Garrett; a brother, Gerry Snook of Garrett; a sister, Winifred McMillan of Garrett; 10 grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Eugene Snook.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Thomas Funeral Home, with Jerry Custer officiating. Entombment will take place in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

James Tarlton

GARRETT — James K. Tarlton, 69 of Garrett died Monday, Dec. 6, 2010, at his residence.

Mr. Tarlton was an engineer at Eaton Corp. for 35 years before retiring in 2001.

He was born Jan. 18, 1941, in Auburn to Marion James and Helen (Hatas) Tarlton. He married Debbie K. Secrest on Nov. 1, 2002, and she survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three children with his former wife Faye, James Jr. and Beth Tarlton, Dave and Wendy Tarlton and Bobbie and Glenn Geyer all of Garrett; two brothers, Marion and Peggy Tarlton of Garrett and Steve Tarlton of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Melanie and Don Bateman of Wolcottville and Judy and Richard Deleccany of Benton Harbor, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Thomas Funeral Home with the funeral at 7 p.m. Funeral celebrant Ryan Myers will officiate.

Memorials are to St. Martin's Healthcare or Disabled Veterans.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Herbert Tons

ANGOLA — Herbert Richard Tons, 74, of Angola died Monday, Dec. 6, 2010, at his Angola home.

Mr. Tons was a machine operator at Dana-Spicer Axle Division in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola.

He was born Sept. 14, 1936, in Fort Wayne to Herbert H. Tons Jr. and Bernetta Ensch Tons. He married Sharon Krouse on June 1, 1957. She survives at Lake Gage, Angola.

Also surviving are three sons, Mike and Kelly Tons of Lake Gage, Angola, Joe and Sylvia Tons of Lake Arrowhead, Hudson, and Sam and Susie Tons of Fremont; three daughters, Tina Noblit of Fremont, Cherie York of Los Angeles, Calif., and Tammela and Jim Benson of Garrett; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Orland.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola and one hour prior to the services at the church Thursday.

Memorials are to Quad Counties Dialysis Center, 528 N. Grandstaff Drive, Auburn, IN 46706 or St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 700 W. Maumee St., Angola, IN

Jack Parker

KENDALLVILLE — Jack E. Parker, 76, of Kendallville died Monday, December 6, 2010, in his residence.

Mr. Parker

Mr. Parker graduated from Albion High School in 1952. He served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1957.

Jack operated his own business over 35 years, Parker Glove and Supply, and later owned Parker Outlet Center, specializing in Carhartt clothing, in Avilla and Shipshewana.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. He was also a member of the Albion American Legion Post 246, Kendallville Elks Lodge where he received the Elk of the Year award for 2008 to 2009, and the Knights of Columbus.

Jack enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He liked playing cards, gardening, fishing, traveling, and was a horse man at heart. He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, as they meant the world to him.

He was born December 1, 1934, in Wolf Lake to John Dwight and Doris (Wiley) Parker. In 1978, he married G. Eileen (Chapman) Polakovic in Las Vegas.

Surviving are his wife, G. Eileen Parker of Kendallville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kelly and Kenneth Miller of Garrett and Amy Gulbranson of Fort Wayne; a stepson Garry and Sara Polakovic of LaOtto; a stepdaughter, Jeannie Polakovic of Winamac; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Alton Parker of Albion and John and Esther Parker of Woodburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Robert Parker.

Mass of Christian burial will be Friday, December 10, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, with Father James Stoyle officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Military graveside services will be presented by the Albion American Legion Post 246.

Casketbearers will be Errik Polakovic, Noah Polakovic, Aaron Lee, Clancy Smith, Tom Burke and Arthur Charles.

Calling is Thursday, December 9, 2010, from 2 to 6 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville. An Elks Lodge service will be conducted at 6 p.m. with a prayer vigil to follow.

Preferred memorials are to Elks Cancer Fund, Knights of Columbus Gibault School, or to Parkview Noble Hospice.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

James Tarlton

GARRETT — James K. Tarlton, 69 of Garrett died Monday, Dec. 6, 2010, at his residence.

Mr. Tarlton was an engineer at Eaton Corp. for 35 years before retiring in 2001.

He was born Jan. 18, 1941, in Auburn to Marion James and Helen (Hatas) Tarlton. He married Debbie K. Secrest on Nov. 1, 2002, and she survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three children with his former wife Faye, James Jr. and Beth Tarlton, Dave and Wendy Tarlton and Bobbie and Glenn Geyer all of Garrett; three stepchildren, Keith Secrest of Waterloo, John Secrest of Garrett and Melissa Secrest of Garrettt; two brothers, Marion and Peggy Tarlton of Garrett and Steve Tarlton of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Melanie and Don Bateman of Wolcottville and Judy and Richard Deleccany of Benton Harbor, Mich.; seven grandchildren, Henry, Samantha, Brian and Blake Tarlton; Alex, Justin and Alyssa Shidler; six stepgrandchildren, Keegan, Branston, Dylan, Rayaana and Ava Secrest and Ethan Lester; and three great-grandchildren, Eli, Keria and Chole.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Thomas Funeral Home with the funeral at 7 p.m. Funeral celebrant Ryan Myers will officiate.

Memorials are to St. Martin's Healthcare or Disabled Veterans.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Elsie Miller

GARRETT — Elsie R. (Yarde) Miller, 90 of Collegeville, Pa., and formerly of Garrett and Orland, Ind., passed away December 6, 2010, at Pottstown Memorial Medical Center in Pottstown, Pa.

Mrs. Miller

"Our beloved mother is going home to be with our Heavenly Father."

She was born June 4, 1920 in Garrett to the late Roy and Ida (Van Wye) Yarde.

Elsie was a graduate of Fort Wayne Business College and worked for Kruger's Market from 1961 to 1979.

She married Charles H. Miller on May 11, 1941, at the First Baptist Church in Garrett and he passed away March 13, 1998. She was a Sunday School teacher and active member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett and then later at the Brighton Chapel in Howe, Ind.

Surviving are her children, Larry (Mary) Miller of Garrett, Ronald (Glenda) Miller of Garrett and Diane (Robert) Spurgeon of Collegeville, Pa.; her grandchildren, Kelly (Ronald) Getts, Todd (Leigh Ann) Miller, Tracy Nash, Sherry (Warren) Southard and Tamara (James) Nier-Duffy; her stepgrandchildren, Gregory (Julie) Heal, Gary Heal, Melinda (Gary) Mountz, Melissa (Michael) Murley, Marcie Conkle and Steve Blevins. There are eight great-grandchildren, 11 stepgreat-grandchildren, one great-great-grandson; eight stepgreat-great-grandchildren and a sister, Viola "Goldie" Hillegass of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a stepgrandson, Jason Blevins; and two brothers, Jay and Arthur Yarde.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, December 13, 2010, at First Baptist Church in Garrett with the Rev. David Mix officiating. Burial will be in Embrey Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn and also one hour prior to the service Monday at the church.

Memorials can be directed to Brighton Chapel, 5415 N. S.R. 3, Howe, IN 46746 or First Baptist Church, 1357 S. Randolph St., Garrett, IN 46738.

To view an obituary or send condolences visit fellerandclark.com.

Gene Snook

GARRETT — R. Gene Snook, 80, of Garrett died Sunday, Dec. 5, 2010, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Snook

Mr. Snook was a Garrett Police officer from 1953-1973 and a DeKalb County deputy from 1973-1995. He was also a driver for PTI from 2003-2005.

He was a member of the Butler American Legion Post 202, Garrett Eagles, DEKAT Camping Club and Wee Campers Camping Club.

Mr. Snook was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was born July 31, 1930, in Deshler, Ohio, to Rodney Don and Audrey (Crawford) Snook. He married Helen M. Eck on Aug. 7, 1973 in Ste Sault Marie, Mich. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons in-law, Tonnie (Richard) Karle of Scottsdale, Ariz.; Debra (Dean) Putt of Albuquerque, N.M. and Vicki (Ron) Rathburn of Butler; three sons, Larry Treesh and his fiancee, Brenda Carpenter, of Topeka; Jacob (Renee) Snook of Ashley and Loren Snook of Garrett; a brother, Gerry Snook of Garrett; a sister, Winifred McMillan of Garrett; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Eugene Snook.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Thomas Funeral Home, with Jerry Custer officiating. Entombment will take place in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Glen DeLucenay

AUBURN — Glen Abraham DeLucenay, 79, died Monday, Dec. 6, 2010, at his home in Auburn surrounded by his family.

Mr. DeLucenay was born Jan. 23, 1931, in Auburn, to Elmer and Oneeda (Sherck) DeLucenay. They both preceded him in death.

Mr. DeLucenay

He was a graduate of Auburn High School, class of 1949. He then graduated from the Indiana College of Mortuary Science, class of 1951.

He started his career as a funeral director with the Gerig Funeral Home in Auburn and worked there from 1955-1969. He then went into office supply sales until his retirement in 1995.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving from 1951-1955.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

He married Betty Joyce Smith on July 24, 1954, in the St. Margaret Mary Church in Winter Park, Florida. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael G. and Julie DeLucenay of Syracuse; four daughters and sons-in-law, Cheryl (DeLucenay) and Bill Walker of Huntington, Sue (DeLucenay) and Gary Amerman of Auburn, Kimberly (DeLucenay) and Greg Raub of Auburn, and Kelly DeLucenay of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Ed Green of Butler, Pennsylvania; five grandchildren, David Amerman, Adam DeLucenay, Ashley DeLucenay, Nicholas Raub and Lucas Raub; and three great-grandchildren, Landin Amerman, Dawson Amerman, and Justin Stucker.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with calling from 9-10 a.m. Friday prior to the service. Father Derrick Sneyd will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will also be be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the rosary service being recited at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to DeKalb Memorial Hospice, the Multiple Sclerosis Society, or Masses to the church.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Larry Duke Sr.

SHERWOOD, Ohio — Larry F. Duke Sr., age 63, of Sherwood passed away peacefully at 11:05 a.m. Monday, December 6, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Duke

Larry was born January 25, 1947, in Marietta, Georgia, the son of Haskell and Mary (Wiley) Duke. He married Debra Joyce Beeman on May 1, 1971, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and she preceded him in death on June 8, 2010.

Larry was a truck driver working for several area trucking companies.

He was an avid pool player, playing in several area pool leagues.

Surviving are his son, Larry (Brandi) Duke Jr., of Waterloo, Indiana; two daughters, Kelly (Tim) Grandey of Hicksville and Shelly Eriksen of Waterloo, Indiana; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and his mother, Mary Duke of Sherwood. Also surviving are many others who called him dad and papa as well as aunts, uncles, in-laws other extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, son, Benjiman Duke, and brother, Gary Duke.

Visitation for Larry F. Duke Sr. will be held today, Wednesday, December 8, 2010, from 4-8 p.m. in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, 230 E. Elm St., Sherwood.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, December 9, 2010, in the funeral home with Pastor Kevin Doseck officiating. Interment will follow in Sherwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in the name of Larry F. Duke Sr. may be given to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com

Orrin White

GARRETT — Orrin Bradford White, 98, of Garrett died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2010.

For more 30 years, he was the co owner and operator of Superior Dairy in Garrett. After selling his share of the business, he worked for 15 years for the American Red Cross in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1976.

He was born Oct. 2, 2010, in Marion, Ind., to Orrin V. and Hazel (Bradford) White. They are deceased. His mother later married Ray C. Goodson and he is also deceased.

Mr. White married Dorothy Mae Erickson on May 20, 1934, and she died July 23, 2004.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, William and Sharon White of Auburn and James and Diane White of Coldwater, Mich.; a daughter, Janice White of Kendallville; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Ann White, and a brother, Charles Leroy White.

There will be no services or calling. He will be buried beside his wife in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter, 5221 U.S. 6, Butler, IN 46721. F

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

To view an obituary or send condolences visit fellerandclark.com.

Charles Newcomer

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. — Charles Newcomer, 81, of Sheboygan, died Monday, Dec. 6, 2010.

Mr. Newcomer served a tour of duty with the United States Air Force from 1948-1952. He rejoined the Air Force in 1955 and served 18 years, retiring as a master sergeant. Following his retirement from the Air Force, he worked for the Kohler Co. until retiring from there in 1990.

He was a life member of the Sheboygan Memorial VFW Post 9156.

He was born Dec. 23, 1928, in Waterloo, Ind., to Arthur and Lucy Newcomer. He married Carmelita Leuck on Oct. 4, 1952. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are two children, LuAnn Summers of Sheboygan and Thomas Newcomer and his wife, Chris Cowles, of Rowlett, Texas; three grandchildren; and his siblings, Arthur Newcomer of Auburn, Ind., Max and Donna Newcomer of Boise, Idaho, Doris Kees of Garrett, Jerry and Bonnie Newcomer of Kendallville, Ind., Dale and Mary Newcomer of Cupertino, Calif., Lyle Newcomer of Ligonier, Ind., and Dean Newcomer of Ligonier, Ind.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Helen Barger of Garrett, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Lippert-Olson Funeral Home, 1132 Superior Ave., Sheboygan. A reception will follow at the family home.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Condolences may be sent online to charlesnewcomer@lippertfuneralhome.com.

E. Ialeene Theisen

EDGERTON, Ohio — E. Ialeene Theisen, 99, of Auburn, Ind., and formerly of Edgerton died Monday, Dec. 6, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was employed for many years at Spangler Candy Co. in Bryan, Ohio, retiring in 1978.

Mrs. Theisen attended the Edgerton United Methodist Church.

She was born on May 28, 1911, in Butler, Ind., to Foster and Elsie J. (Campbell) Teutsch. She married Paul J. Theisen on June 13, 1943, in Butler, Ind., and he preceded her in death on Feb. 14, 1988.

Mrs. Theisen is survived by one nephew, Anthony Teutsch of Sugarland, Texas.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Gerald and Allan Teutsch.

Private interment will take place in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Krill Funeral Service in Edgerton, Ohio, is handling arrangements.

To sign the online register or to send condolences, visit www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Herman Miller

AUBURN — Herman J. Miller, 66, died Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Miller was a machinist for the Dana Corp. in Auburn for 32 years, retiring in 1990.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Vietnam Conflict in heavy artillery.

He was born March 25, 1944, in Garrett to Paul P. and Bernadine (Herber) Miller.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Ken Dunn of Buford, Ga.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Norbert and Doris Miller of Waterloo, Eddie Miller of Waterloo and Bill and Lilly Miller of Jacksonville, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, John Miller.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m. Monday at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1098 C.R. 39, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. Monday prior to the service at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Michael's Catholic Church or the Wounded Warrior Project, 7020 AC Skinner Parkway, Suite 100, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Elizabeth Snyder

SPENCERVILLE — Elizabeth Annette (Vincent) Snyder, 76, died Thursday, December 9, 2010, at her home in Spencerville.

Annette was born April 10, 1934, in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Mrs. Snyder

Her father, William John Campbell, and mother and stepfather, Sarah (Templeton) and William Patterson, have all passed away. She was also preceded in death by two husbands, Ernest Grant Harding and Raymond Vincent, and a brother, Bill Campbell.

Annette was a nurse her entire life. For 30 years she worked for Victorian Order of Nurses in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, then in 1997 came to DeKalb County as the director of DeKalb Hospice program.

In 1998 she went to the Town House in Fort Wayne until her retirement in 2001.

She was a former member of the Auburn Rotary Club and was an active member of the First Christian Church in Auburn.

She married John Snyder on April 21, 2001, in Auburn and he survives. She is also survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Dayle and Larry Kinsey of Spencerville; a son, Jean-Pierre Vincent of Seattle, Wash.; a stepdaughter, Gina (Todd) Dickson of Edgefield, S.C.; 10 grandchildren, Arielle Kinsey, Jamieson Vincent, Mason Vincent, Owen Vincent, Cory Dickson, Curtis Dickson, Clarke Dickson, Corien Dickson, Courtney Dickson and Carlanne Dickson; and three sisters, Jean of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and Norma and Linda of Northern Ireland.

Services will be Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, Ind., with the Rev. Walter Coy officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or First Christian Church, Auburn.

To view an obituary or send condolences visit fellerandclark.com.

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Manahan loved life, fellow man

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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KENDALLVILLE — Son, father, husband, brother, Legion Rider, biker is Marty Manahan's legacy. He touched the lives of so many people.

"Marty Manahan wasn't a saint, but we all recognize that the world is a better place because Marty passed through it," said his close friend, Bo McKie.

Manahan, 50, died unexpectedly on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2010.

"Supporting soldiers and veterans was what Marty was all about," said McKie, who co-officiated at Manahan's funeral. "He was there when the servicemen and women came home. Those were the easy missions. He was also there standing for hours, holding a flag on numerous sadder missions where a young person didn't make it home alive. He was a proud Patriot Rider."

Don Moore of Kendallville first met Manahan in 1978, when Manahan's father, Fred Manahan, hired Moore to work at radio station WAWK in Kendallville. They became long-lasting friends who enjoyed fishing and bowling together, Kendallville Jaycees membership and in recent years operating a lawn care business together.

"From the very first day I met Marty, we started playing jokes on each other. I think that's why we remained so close for all these years," said Moore, who remembered the time in 1978 when Marty put a frozen squid in Moore's desk at the radio station, thinking Moore would return shortly from a sales trip. "I didn't come back for six hours. What a mess," said Moore. "Marty thought that was funny."

Marty Manahan

Moore once ran an ad on WAWK saying "free firewood, will deliver and stack" and put Marty's cell phone number with the ad without his friend knowing. Marty's phone rang off the hook for days, according to Moore. In recent years Moore had fun taking safety cones from his friend Marty's lawnmowing trailer. Marty would put decorations in Moore's yard, and safety cones on top of his truck.

"The pranks on each other are over, but the memories and the laughs we had together will last forever," said Moore.

One of Manahan's endearing traits was his ability to be serious and funny at the same time, according to McKie. Manahan would stand up at a district Legion meeting with a serious look on his face and start to rant about some issue, point his finger, raise his voice and startle people who didn't realize he could be so serious.

"Then, suddenly, he would finish his tirade with a humorous twist and you realized he just made an incredible point going from acting angry to making you laugh," said McKie.

Boyhood friend Greg Strawser said he thinks about Manahan all the time.

"It's difficult to let go of those memories. They were good times getting chili dogs at the DQ with Marty, washing our cars at the Kendallville Shell and fixing up old campers to take on Jaycee trips. He was very dear to me," Strawser said.

Manahan was instrumental in starting Kendallville American Legion Post 86 Legion Riders and helping the membership grow. He was re-elected the group's director the Sunday before he died.

McKie met Manahan about four years ago through Legion Riders. In his eulogy at his friend's funeral, McKie described Manahan as a scrapper.

"As much as he loved, and was loved, he was respected for his scrappiness with his mouth, his hands and his head," stated McKie. Manahan's "handle" among the Legion Riders was "Cupcake," a name he didn't care much for, but he took it in stride because he enjoyed the Legion Riders so much. "When the call went out, Marty was the first to say I'll get my Legion Riders and meet you there," added McKie.

Manahan was a member of the Kendallville Jaycees for 16 years until it disbanded in 1996. He held all the club's offices and participated in many of the club's numerous community enrichment programs and activities.

Manahan and his wife, Aimee, were married for 29 years and had two daughters.

"Marty was a wonderful son, good father and husband and a wonderful, caring person," said his father.

He is buried in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Irvin Coplin

AVILLA — Irvin Bruce Coplin, age 88, died on Saturday, December 11, 2010, at 5:37 a.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on August 13, 1922 in Woodburn, Indiana and was the son of Paul C. and Margaret Elizabeth (Pepple) Coplin.

Mr. Coplin graduated from Payne High School in Payne, Ohio, and was in the class of 1939, and studied at Indiana Tech for a year. He came to the Noble County area in 1956, and was a farmer for his life's work, and also retired from International Harvester in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Coplin

On September 13, 1943, he married Barbara Wasson in Spencerville. She survives in Avilla.

He served his country as a sergeant in the United States Army during World War II. He was a member of the Avilla Masonic Lodge No. 460 F & A.M., American Legion Post 240 in Avilla, and the Noble County Antique Gas and Steam Association.

Irvin loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and loved to discuss politics, tractors and farming.

Surviving are his wife of 67 years, Barbara Coplin, a son, Irvin Bruce (Sharon) Coplin Jr. of Avilla; two daughters A. Christine (Kenny) Butler of Avilla, and Kathryn Williams of South Milford; eight grandchildren, Lee Butler, Matthew Coplin, Phillip Coplin, Amy Pierson, Tammie Fluke, Melinda Stackhouse, Rebecca Butler and Joshua Williams. 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Also surviving are a brother-in-law, Jean W. Wasson of Auburn, two sisters-in-law, Eileen Coplin of Avilla and Rosemary Coplin of Albion. Many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a son-in-law, Isaac Ed Williams and three brothers, George Earl Coplin, Carl Eugene Coplin and Marvin Coplin.

Funeral services for Mr. Coplin will be Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Rev. Carter Hicks will officiate.

Visitation will be on Monday evening from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Masonic Funeral Rites will be conducted at 7:30 p.m.

Burial following the funeral will be at White City Cemetery in Spencerville. Pallbearers will be Matthew Coplin, Phillip Coplin, Joshua Williams, Frank Stotler, Lee Butler and Dennis Pierson.

Honorary pallbearers will be Russell Coplin, Justin Coplin, Danin Fluke, and Clayton Fluke and Lance Rogers.

Please make memorials to the Avilla Masonic Lodge No. 460, F.& A.M.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

Tracy Hicks

AUBURN — Tracy Ann Hicks, 40, of Auburn and formerly of Garrett died Friday, Dec. 10, 2010, at 1:55 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Ms. Hicks

She graduated from Lakeland High School in 1988. She had previously been employed by Reinhart in Spencerville.

She was a member of Green Chapel Church, Wolcottville.

Tracy was born May 21, 1970, in Springfield, Ohio, to Monroe and Wilma (Slone) Hicks.

Surviving are two sons, Dakota Hicks of Auburn and Alex Padilla-Hicks at home; her mother and stepfather, Wilma and Ricky Blankenship of Wolcottville; three sisters, Sharon (Wade) Cheek of Texas, Lisa Castle of Fort Wayne, and Charmin (Patrick) Baxter of Kendallville; and a brother, Ben (Linda) Castle of Rome City.

She was preceded in death by her father on Sept. 19, 1992.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with Pastor Mel Heiniger of Green Chapel Church, Wolcottville, officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is Monday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

View a video tribute after Monday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being republished to include the time of service.*

Elizabeth Snyder

SPENCERVILLE — Elizabeth Annette (Vincent) Snyder, 76, died Thursday, December 9, 2010, at her home in Spencerville.

Annette was born April 10, 1934, in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Her father, William John Campbell, and mother and stepfather, Sarah (Templeton) and William Patterson, have all passed away. She was also preceded in death by two husbands, Ernest Grant Harding and Raymond Vincent, and a brother, Bill Campbell.

Mrs. Snyder

Annette was a nurse her entire life. For 30 years she worked for Victorian Order of Nurses in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, then in 1997 came to DeKalb County as the director of DeKalb Hospice program.

In 1998 she went to the Town House in Fort Wayne until her retirement in 2001.

She was a former member of the Auburn Rotary Club and was an active member of the First Christian Church in Auburn.

She married John Snyder on April 21, 2001, in Auburn and he survives. She is also survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Dayle and Larry Kinsey of Spencerville; a son, Jean-Pierre Vincent of Seattle, Wash.; a stepdaughter, Gina (Todd) Dickson of Edgefield, S.C.; 10 grandchildren, Arielle Kinsey, Jamieson Vincent, Mason Vincent, Owen Vincent, Cory Dickson, Curtis Dickson, Clarke Dickson, Corien Dickson, Courtney Dickson and Carlanne Dickson; and three sisters, Jean of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and Norma and Linda of Northern Ireland.

Services will be Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at at 11 a.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, Ind., with the Rev. Walter Coy officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or First Christian Church, Auburn.

To view an obituary or send condolences visit fellerandclark.com.

Elmer Carnahan

AUBURN — Elmer E. Carnahan, 58, of Auburn died Friday, Dec. 10, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Carnahan

Mr. Carnahan worked for Auburn Gear in Auburn for over 29 years, retiring in 2002.

He was a graduate of Carroll High School.

He was born Aug. 11, 1952, in Auburn, to Charles A. and Anita J. (McMaken) Carnahan. His dad preceded him in death and his mom survives in St. Joe.

He married Linda L. Miller on Nov. 4, 1972, in St. Joe. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Tabitha A. and Aaron Donovan of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Aaron E. and Melanie Carnahan of Auburn; four grandchildren, Kaitlyn Carnahan, Hailey Carnahan, Evelyn Marie Carnahan and Cedric A. Carnahan; a sister and brother-in-law, Cynthia C. and Sherl Amburgey of St. Joe; two sisters-in-law and their spouses, Judy and Fred Smith of Churubusco, and Sandy and Harold Jarnagin of Auburn; three nieces; five nephews; and several great nieces and great nephews.

A celebration of life service will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

The family will receive friends from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday prior to the service.

Memorials may be directed to the National Children's Cancer Society, One South Memorial Drive, Suite 800, St. Louis, MO 63102.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Cynthia Sanxter

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Cynthia Ann (Smith) Sanxter, 61, died Thursday, November 25, at her home in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

She was born August 5, 1949, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Sirleine M. Smith and the late Harold Wm. Smith.

Ms. Sanxter

Surviving are her mother, Sirleine Smith of Auburn, Indiana, daughter Channing E. Sanxter of Denver, Colorado, son, daughter-in-law and two grandsons, Branyan Wm., Maria, William, and Landon Sanxter of Las Cruces, New Mexico, brothers Roger Smith of Los Alamos, New Mexico, Barry Smith of Auburn, Indiana, and sister Susan Scholtes of Ainsworth, Nebraska.

Cindy grew up on a farm east of Auburn where she loved horses and other animals and became active in 4-H, winning many ribbons. She was a 1966 graduate of the Auburn High School "Red Devils" where she participated in Speech Club, Pep Club, Future Teachers of America, Chorus, Homecoming and Christmas committees and the Devil Journal staff. As a student she worked at the Eckhart Public Library. She vied for the Miss DeKalb County crown.

She attended Indiana University and the Fort Wayne Art Institute.

She worked at Dana Corporation in Auburn. She married and moved to Houston, Texas, and then Des Moines, Iowa. She settled in Los Alamos, New Mexico, in 1993, where she purchased and managed a restaurant. Later she moved to Las Cruces, New Mexico, to be near her children and grandsons.

Remembrances may be given to an animal-related organization or the Humane Society of the donor's choice.

Memorial services are planned for a later date.

Nella Gibson

AUBURN — Nella "Mae" Gibson, 75, died Saturday, December 11, 2010 at her home in Auburn surrounded by her family.

She was born May 21, 1935 in Knott, Ky. to Noah O. and Frances (Conley) Gibson, who have both passed away.

She was a homemaker and also worked at Electric Motors in Garrett for 10 years before retiring in 2005.

She is survived by a son, Thomas R. Jackson of Whitesboro, Tex., and a daughter, Kathleen F. Hunt of Auburn. There are eight grandchildren, including Eli Jackson of Auburn and Kristina Morin of Auburn, whom she raised as her own, taking them on many special trips and adventures. She has eight great-grandchildren and two sisters, Helen Zimmerman of Brimfield and Della Faye Ruff of Turtle Lake, Wis.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Kimberly F. Ray; nine sisters and seven brothers.

Services will be 2 p.m. Friday, December 17, 2010 at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo with Tom Wilcoxson officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo. Calling is Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Feed the Children.

To view an obituary or send condolences, visit fellerandclark.com

Edith Getts

ASHLEY — Edith Getts, 39, was called home by our Lord at 9:05 a.m. Saturday December 11, 2010 at Sunrise on Old Meridian in Carmel, Indiana.

Mrs. Getts

Mrs. Getts was a loving wife mother and homemaker. Edith was born on July 29, 1921 in Clay County, Tennessee to Willie Hugh and Ova (Boone) Reecer. She married James L. Getts on April 4, 1942. James preceded her in death on June 1, 2007.

Their love for each other served as an example to everyone that knew them.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Opal and Marjorie. Mrs. Getts was a member of Cedar Lake Church Of Christ, Waterloo.

Edith was always "on call" to help anyone that needed help. When it it became impossible to go visit and help, she would get on the phone to give words of encouragement.

Survuiving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard L. and Sarah Getts of Indianapolis and Robert and Joyce Getts of Carmel; seven grandchildren, Jeffrey Getts Winter, Paul Getts, Jennifer Getts Smith, Julia Getts, Joseph Getts, James Robert Getts II and Ryan Matthew Getts; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday December 18, 2010 at Cedar Lake Church Of Christ, 1492 CR 27, Waterloo with minister Steve Evans officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson. Calling will be at the church after 12:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's Association of Greater Indiana, 50 East 91st Street - Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.dalejohnsonfh.com

Dawson Gorrell

HAMILTON — Dawson "Gene" Gorrell, 59, of Hamilton passed away Monday, December 13, 2010, at his home.

A Steuben County resident for his entire life, he was well known as a mechanic and race car driver.

Surviving are his companion, Holly; a daughter, Nicola Isa; a son and daughter-in-law, Nik and Andrea Gorrell; three grandchildren, Jordan Isa, Dawson and Landon Gorrell; a sister; Pam Aldrich; and two nieces and their spouses, Sherry and Kevin Hefty, and Tammy and Rich Rinehart.

A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, December 18, 2010, at the Hamilton Fish and Game Club, with Jeff Alexander officiating.

After the service concludes, the family invites friends and family to stay for a celebration of his life.

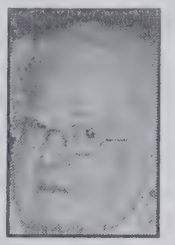
Memorials may be directed to the Laurie Hill Cancer Benefit "2011."

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

To view and online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

DeVella Karnes

AUBURN — DeVella M. Karnes, 90, of Auburn died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.


Mrs. Karnes

Mrs. Karnes was a homemaker and also worked as a secretary for the Dana Corp. in Auburn and then for the DeKalb County Drainage Board.

She was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Home Demonstration Club, and the Auburn Community Concert Association.

She was born July 10, 1920, in Garrett to William H. and Mary L. (Lock) Sleek. They preceded her in death.

She married Harold Don DeWitt on Aug. 3. 1940, in Garrett, and he died Feb. 10, 1956. She then married Duaine H. Karnes I on July 11, 1958, in Auburn, and he died June 17, 2010.

Surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Judy E. and Don Frank of Stryker, Ohio, Karen R. and Phil Landel of Auburn, Cheryl S. and David Peck of Farmington, Ark., Christine A. and Jerry Wilhelm of Waterloo and Freida L. and Randy Michael of Auburn; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Duaine H. Karnes II of Hamilton, and Douglas E. and Rita Karnes of Knoxville, Tenn.; a sister, Mary Harber of Tiffin, Ohio; 21 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son-in-law, John N. Grimm; a daughter-in-law, Karen L. Karnes; six sisters, Fern Sleek, Addie Sleek, Della Brown, Edna Byanski, Clara Morris and Ruby King; and three brothers, Cloysey Sleek, William "Claude" Sleek and C. Dale Sleek.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Auburn Church of Christ, 208 W. Eighteenth St., Auburn, with Pastor Douglas E. Karnes officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and also one hour prior to the service at the church Saturday.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ, World Team (grandson Tony/missionary to Mozambique, Africa), or Mystery Church (grandson Nathan/inner city ministry Webb City, MO).

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Donzella Graham

ST. JOE — Donzella Joy Graham, 92. died Monday, Dec. 13, 2010, at DeKalb Hospital in Auburn, Ind.

Donnie was a homemaker and enjoyed doing crafts and reading.

She was a member of the Spencerville United Methodist Church, Spencerville Eastern Star No. 386 and the Homemakers Club.

Mrs. Graham

She was born on February 15, 1918, in Butler, Ind., to the late Burton Eugene and Emma (Baker) Shumaker. She married Wallace Paul Graham on November 12, 1938, in Butler and he preceded her in death on February 15, 2005.

Surviving are two sons, Wallace Graham and James (Deb) Graham, all of Auburn, Ind.; two daughters, Carol (Ed) Seiler and Jilaine Pace (Doug Daniels), all of St. Joe, Ind.; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one, great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Erlene Graham; a brother, Delmar Shumaker; and two sisters, Opal Handy and June Ulrich.

Calling will be held on Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010, from 3-7 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, Ind., with an Eastern Star service being held at 7 p.m.

Services will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. at the Spencerville United Methodist Church with Pastor Donna Gammon officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe, Ind.

Memorials are to the Spencerville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 100, Spencerville, IN 46788.

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John Roop

FREMONT — John R. Roop, 93, of Zephyrhills, Fla. and formerly of the Fremont area died Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2010, in Zephyrhills.

Mr. Roop was a salesman for White Plains Gas Co. and had also worked at Acorn Products in Quincy, Mich.

He was a graduate of Fremont High School and served in the U.S. Army during WWII.

Mr. Roop was born Oct. 8, 1917, in DeKalb County, Ind., to Jay and Clara Roop. On Dec. 4, 1946, he married Ellen Blue and she preceded him in death in 2001.

He is survived by a daughter, Mary Ellen (James) Fries, of Marquette, Mich.; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister and a brother.

Cremation has taken place.

Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery, Quincy, Mich.

George White Funeral Home in Quincy is in charge of arrangements.

Donald Hoover

SPENCERVILLE — Donald L. Hoover, 73, died peacefully surrounded by all his family on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mr. Hoover

He was born on August 5, 1937, in Allen County to the late George and Garnett (Boger) Hoover. He married Anna Marie Schlosser on June 11, 1955, in Hicksville, Ohio, with whom he celebrated 55 ½ years of marriage.

Surviving are his wife, Anna Marie Hoover of Spencerville, Ind.; his sons, Dennis (Susan) Hoover of Spencerville, Ind., Ronald (Becky) Hoover of Spencerville, Ind., and Jeff (Cheryl) Hoover of Spencerville, Ind.; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Wayne and Paul Hoover, and a sister, Lois Garman Murphy.

He worked at Allen Dairy and was a truck driver for Commercial Lovelace, started H & H Auction Service in 1980 and was a member of the retired Teamsters Local 114.

He enjoyed Purdue Basketball and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Calling will be held on Monday from 2-8 p.m. at the Spencerville Community Club, 5629 C.R. 68 in Spencerville.

Services will be held on Tuesday at 11 a.m., with calling one hour prior, at the Community Club. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery at Harlan, Ind.

Memorials are to the Riverdale Community Playground Project in care of Riverdale Elementary School, 6127 S.R. 1, St. Joe, IN 46785.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, Ind., is in charge of arrangements.

Michael Lige

ELKHART — Michael Warren Lige, 52, died on December 8, 2010, at the Residential Inn of Elkhart, Indiana, of natural causes.

He was born on November 21, 1958, in Auburn, Indiana, to the late Warren and Connie (Feagler) Lige.

Mike graduated from DeKalb High School in 1978.

Surviving are his sister, Lorna Jane (Lige) Schlosser of Auburn and his niece and nephew, Lynne and Brice Schlosser. Also surviving are his uncles and aunts, Harvey and Ruth (Lige) Breeding of Miami, Florida, and Steve and Lyn Feagler of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

A thank you goes to Jason and Rachel Campbell of the Residential Inn for their compassion towards Michael and his love for his dog. A thank you goes to Deputy Coroner Rich Egnor for his care of Mike and concern for the family. A special thank you goes to Deacon Jim Shaffer and Deacon Roger Peachey, and other members of the Beulah Missionary Church for the compassion and friendship that helped Mike turn his life over to Jesus Christ.

Elkhart Cremation Services, 2100 W. Franklin St., has assisted the family with arrangements. Following cremation, a memorial service for Michael will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 20, 2010 at the Beulah Missionary Church, 57595 Old County Road 17, Goshen, Indiana. Pastor Brent Poe will officiate. Michael's remains will be buried next to his mother in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn, Indiana at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Beulah Missionary Church or to the Elkhart Humane Society.

Vance Madeney

GARRETT — Vance Edward Madeney, 39, of Garrett died unexpectedly and was later discovered on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010, at his residence in Garrett, Ind.

He employed with Nishikawa Standard in Topeka.

Mr. Maldeney was born in Fort Wayne Sept. 10, 1971, to Thomas Anthony Maldeney and Brenda (Louthan) Bahls.

Surviving are a daughter, Hanna Afarin of Kendallville; his father, Thomas Maldeney of Fort Wayne; his mother, Brenda Bahls of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Tonette Maldeney.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Restoration Lutheran Church, at the corner of Mitchell and Riley streets in Kendallville, with the Rev. Robert Muller officiating.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Edward Busche

SPENCERVILLE — Edward Busche, 70, of Spencerville passed away Thursday, December 16, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Busche

Born in Allen County, Ed served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was a truck driver, retiring in 1971.

He was a member of American Legion Post 409, and the Concord Lodge No.556 F. & A.M.

Ed was an avid Cubs and IU fan.

Surviving are his son, Edward (Tonya) Busche; his daughters, Laura (Kerry) Roberts and Jodi (Curtis) Butler, all of Leo; his brothers, James Busche of Fort Wayne, and Michael Busche of Spencerville; his sisters, Delores Wolf of Fort Wayne and Kay Diehl of Mississippi; friend, Frances A. Smith of Colorado; 12 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents, Freeman Sr. and Ethel Busche; and his brothers, Freeman Jr., Ronald and William Busche.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 21, 2010, at D. O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with Chaplin Robert Mortenson officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. on Monday with a Masonic service at 7:45 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the American Legion Post 409.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Thayma Bowman

AUBURN — Thayma "Pat" Bowman, 93, of Auburn, passed away Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010, at 4:45 a.m., at Betz Nursing Home.

Mrs. Bowman

Born July 13, 1917, she was the daughter of the late Francis and Mary J. (Urbine) Gremaut. She married Ralph A. Bowman on Aug. 31, 1935. He preceded her in death in 1976.

She was a waitress/cook at the Keltsch Pharmacy Snack Bar, retiring in 1997.

She was an avid bingo player.

Surviving are her daughters, Sandra (John Scott) Brown of Auburn and Rochelle (Nelson) Baney; 12 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Shirley Topp; five brothers; and two sisters.

Funeral service is at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 20, 2010, at C.M. Sloan & Sons, 1327 Wells St., with calling one hour prior. Calling also from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, 2010, at the funeral home. Burial in Highland Park Cemetery. Memorials to Allen County SPCA.

Send online condolences to www.sloanandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Elizabeth Haislip

WATERLOO — Elizabeth Susannah Haislip, 90, residing for over 50 years on Piety Hill in Waterloo, died Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Haislip was a graduate of the St. Joseph School of Nursing. She then worked as an occupational nurse for the Dana Corp. in Auburn for over 25 years.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn. She was also a member of the Progressive Literary Club, Duxford 78th Fighter Group Association, and the Auburn Nurses Club.

She was born Dec. 10, 1920, in Auburn to John Clinton and Edna Mae (Fry) Brown. They both preceded her in death.

She married Walter Milton "Slip" Haislip on Oct. 20, 1942, in Mishawaka. He passed away March 11, 1998.

Surviving are a son, Walter Milton "Skip" Haislip II and his wife Becky of Richardson, Texas; a daughter, Ginger Ready and her husband David of South Bend; six grandchildren, Julie Yim and her husband John of Chicago, Ill., Adam Kowalski M.D. of Denver, Colo., Taylor, Brooke, and Zoe Haislip of Richardson, Texas, and Lynnette of York, Pa.; a great-granddaughter; Rachel Ann Yim; and a sister-in-law, Betty Brown of Cincinnati.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Max Stanley "Tank" Brown; and a sister and brother-in-law, Martha and Joe Hunter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating. Burial will take place in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home in Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to the First United Methodist Church in Auburn or Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

To View an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Jennie Krafft

AUBURN — Jennie E. Krafft, 78, died Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010, at her home in rural Auburn.

She was a former employee of the Auburn State Bank and Cooper Standard of Auburn. She also was co-owner and secretary of Krafft Gravel in Spencerville.

Mrs. Krafft

She was a graduate of Auburn High School, class of 1950.

She was a member of the County Line Church of God. She was also a 25-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Spencerville and a charter member of the DeKalb County Chatter Bell Home Economics Club.

Jennie's true passion was her family, especially her grandchildren. She loved attending her grandchildren's various activities up until her very last day.

She was born Oct. 13, 1932, in Roanoke, to Jesse and Edith (Wiser) Haiflich.

She married Gerald E. Krafft on June 18, 1950, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Jeff Buschman of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Teri Krafft of Auburn; a daughter-in-law, Bev Krafft of Spencerville; nine grandchildren, Tracy Buschman, Gary Buschman, Michael Krafft, Brandy Krafft, Cody Krafft, Bailey Krafft, Taya Krafft, Jon Krafft and Tianna Krafft; a great-grandson, Evan Buschman; two sisters, Doris Kummer of Fort Wayne and Rosalie Hamilton of Fort Wayne; and a brother and sister-in-law, John and Marybell Haiflich of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sons, Gary Ray Krafft, Steve Krafft and Randy Krafft; a sister, Lucille Swaim; and two brothers, Norman Haiflich and Dallas Haiflich.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with one hour visitation prior to the service. The Rev. Stuart Kruse will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling also will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Youth for Christ of Northeast Indiana.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Roger Powers

CORUNNA — Roger M. Powers, 67, of Corunna, died at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010, at his home.

He was born May 26, 1943 in Estill, Ky., to Russell and Inabell (Paige) Powers. He married Thelma Jean Charles on Aug. 5, 1964, in Nowalk, Ohio.

Surviving are his wife, Thelma, a daughter Julie (Jeremy) Stevens of Avilla, three sons, Timothy Powers of Kendallville, Thomas Powers and Todd Powers, both of Corunna, and three grandchildren. Also surviving are three brothers, Larry Powers of Kentucky, Palmer Powers of Kendallville and Billy Ray (Nadine) Powers of Mongo; and one sister, Linda (Robert) Paige of Waterloo.

Mr. Powers

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and three sisters.

Roger was formerly employed by Wieble's Lumber Co. in South Milford, Indiana and also Newnam's Foundry in Kendallville. He enjoyed fishing and coin collecting.

There will be a Celebration of Life service held at Bethel Christian Church in Kendallville on the corner of S.R. 6 and S.R. 9 at 5 p.m. today. Pastor Shawn Shepard will preside.

Memorial may be given to the charity of the donor's choice.

Elkhart Cremation Services has been entrusted with arrangements.

STAR
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Houser called a hero by his family

BY JENNIFER DECKER
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PLEASANT LAKE — Maurice "Maury" Houser was a fixer, an inventor, a soldier and a keen judge of character when it came to hiring employees.

He was a longtime employee of Dana Corp. He served in the Korean War and was always known for being readily available to lend a helping hand wherever it was needed.

Maury, as he was affectionately known, 78, died Nov. 26 at Laurels of DeKalb. He was named Maurice in honor of one of his father's World War I Army buddies. Maury was born on a farm four miles east of Auburn in DeKalb County on April 13, 1932 to Albert A. & Haidee (Krontz) Houser.

During high school, Maury played baseball on the St. Joe High School team. It was in high school that he met and began dating his future bride, Amy Wagner, whom he married 10 months later Feb. 3, 1951. After Maury graduated from high school, he went to work at Dana Corp.'s Clutch Division in Auburn in 1950 and retired Feb. 1, 1987. Maury had a variety of jobs there, starting in heat treat as a laborer. Later he was promoted to a supervisor and eventually, he set up three other manufacturing plants for Dana — one in Mexico City, one in Colorado Springs, Colo., and a re-manufacturing plant in Charlotte, N.C.

One of his sons, Danny Houser, recalled his father was a fair man who was also very wise. One time, Danny was unemployed and he asked his father for a job at Dana. His father refused to hire him and said Danny had to earn his way on his own merit.

Maury also had a knack for hiring employees who were the right fit for Dana Corporation. "When it came to hiring new employees, my dad was a good judge of character," Danny said. "He could interview people right off the street and know before they left the interview whether they were a good fit for Dana Corporation or not."

Amy said her husband liked to tinker and repair items: "He was very honest. He traveled a lot as a troubleshooter with clutches and was true to his word."

Maury was a U.S. Army veteran who served 17 months and 28 days in

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Maurice "Maury" Houser

the Korean War in some of the worst battles, said another of his sons, Doyle Houser, including Outpost Harry and Suicide Ridge. Outpost Harry was a Korean War station where more than 88,000 rounds of Chinese artillery fell and Doyle recalled his father saying he was afraid there. For being stationed on top there was akin to a death sentence, Doyle said. But Mr. Houser survived and was in the Company E 15th Infantry Regiment.

Amy worked as a Fort Wayne secretary while her husband served in the war. She noted his combat ribbons he received included: A Korean service ribbon with one Bronze Campaign Star; a Combat Infantry Badge; a National Defense Service Medal; and the United Nations Service Medal. "It was very scary. During the war, they were on the front lines. You looked for a letter every day," Amy said. "Most of the time, they had food, but nothing else."

Sarah Houser, his granddaughter, said Maury was the toughest man she ever knew. "He survived a war so bad it hurts me to hear about what he went through," she said. "He was a very brave man. In my eyes, nothing could ever happen to him, because he was my grandpa and I needed him … He could survive millions of people shooting at him in a foreign country, but he couldn't survive (illness). He was and still is my hero."

"You grow up watching 'Gunsmoke,' 'Combat', shows like that and actors like Clint Eastwood and John Wayne and you always think you want to grow up and be those guys … But I was lucky to live with a man that was like that for almost 53 years and I was able to call him dad," Doyle said. "I never knew he was afraid of anything because he was Superman. I could never love him more than I do or have any more respect for him than I have always held, but when he told me he was afraid on Harry that night, I had an ever deeper appreciation for him."

Maury was a member of Hudson United Brethren Church for more than 20 years who enjoyed reading the Bible. Maury's son, Phil, said his father was known for creating unforgettable memories and life lessons: "It is little wonder to me the most significant verse of the Old Testament is 'Do not be afraid or in fear because of them for the Lord your God goes with you. He will never leave you nor forsake you,'" Phil said. "I experienced that in the way dad and mom were there for me by word and deed not only while we were growing up, but as adults."

Maury was very good at everything he did, whether it was welding, woodworking, hunting or fishing and giving his catch away, family members said. For several years after he retired, he and his brothers made maple syrup every spring. Karolyn Guitierrez, Maury's daughter, recalled fishing with her dad. "My dad could catch fish when nobody else did. He would swap out poles with us when we were not catching any. He always caught fish. It was crazy," she said. "It did not matter the bait or the pole. It would be safe to say fish feared my dad."

He survived by his wife, Amy Houser, three sons: Danny (Chris) Houser of Albany, Ore., Phil (Cindy) Houser of Middlebury and Doyle Houser of Pleasant Lake; one daughter Karolyn (Anthony) Gutierrez of Buda, Texas; two brothers Larry (Shirley) Houser and Harold Houser, two sisters Janet (Harland) Smith and Mary Morrison, and 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by a brother, Linford, and a sister, Lorna DeLong.

Maury was buried in Carter Cemetery with military honors.

Doris McSorley

AUBURN — Doris M. McSorley, 90, of Auburn died Sunday, Dec. 19, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was born Sept. 1, 1920, in rural Auburn, to the late Fredrick D. and Lanta A (Dunn) Gafken. She was a 1938 graduate of Waterloo High School. She then graduated from Wayne University of Beauty Culture in 1939.

Mrs. McSorley was a homemaker. She was known as a gentle, loving friend, wife, mother, and grandmother. She loved nothing more than being surrounded by her family at her home, where she brightly spoke, laughed and won card games up until her recent final illness. Her other interests were flower gardening, canning, cooking and reading.

She was a member of the Lakewood Park Baptist Church in Auburn, served 35 years as a Sunday school teacher, several years as a deaconess, and served as part of the launching of the congregation when it was the Bible Baptist Church on 18th Street.

She married Romey C. McSorley on March 12, 1940, in Indianapolis. He passed away Nov. 17, 2010.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Judith E. Brisentine of Auburn, Melanie F. and Dan Hervey of Auburn; and Brenda A. and Alvin Havens of Chesterton; a son, Ronald D. McSorley of Ft. Wayne; five grandchildren, Abigail Thompson of Auburn, Sara Brisentine of Ft. Wayne, Anna Havens of Phillipsburg, N.J., and Nicholas and Charles Havens of Chicago; and four great grandchildren, Callie Jem Brisentine, Tiana Mae Broadnax, Noel Gamboa Havens, and Paxton Gage Blough.

She is also survived by sisters-in-law, June Gafken of Auburn, Margaret Neidert of Colorado Springs, Col., and Carol Baatz of Angola; a brother-in-law, Arthur McSorley of Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

She also was preceded in death by two sisters, Arlene Gafken and Wilma Snyder; and a brother, Dale Gafken.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27, 2010, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Child Evangelism Fellowship of Auburn.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com

Shelba Shuff

GARRETT — Shelba J. Shuff, 72, of Garrett died Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Shuff was a former employee for the Essex Group in Auburn. She then went to work for the Rieke Corporation in Auburn for over 14 years, retiring in 2001.

Mrs. Shuff

She was a 1956 graduate of Riverdale High School in St. Joe.

She attended the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn. She was a member of the Women of the Moose Lodge Chapter 261 of Auburn, and the Eagles Lodge of Garrett.

She was born May 16, 1938, in Auburn, to Worthington Ray and Goldie Mae (Kristoferson) Smith. They both preceded her in death.

She married James Shuff on Sept. 24, 1988, in Auburn. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three sons, Mark Zolman of Angola, Brian Zolman of Angola, and James Zolman Jr. of Garrett; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Warren and Martha Smith of Auburn, and Don and Nancy Smith of Auburn; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Lela Allen of Indianapolis, and Mary Ellen and Harold McInturf of Sun City, Az.; six grandchildren, Nicole Wright, Zackery Zolman, Alicia Kope, Jessika Nicole Zolman, Kailie Wood, and Marlie Wood; and six great-grandchildren, Selah Bolinger, Lincoln Bolinger, Cailyn Kope, Paityn Kope, Jaiden Kope, and Anthony White.

She was preceded in death by four brothers; Dale Smith, Edgar Smith, Blake Smith and John Delmar Smith; and two sisters, Effie Mahlum and Katherine Decker.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Larry Williams officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

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Doris Gerber

GARRETT — Doris Jean Gerber, 81, of Garrett died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Gerber

Mrs. Gerber was a homemaker and had worked at Miller's Merry Manor for a period of time.

She was a member of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren and the Women's Fellowship. She was also a member of Sigma Phi Gamma and the Garrett Homemakers.

She was born Dec.27, 1928, in Garrett to John and Edith (Wilmot) Yarde and they preceded her in death. She married Carl L. Gerber on Sept. 7, 1947, in Garrett and he survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a daughter, Carla (Scott) Winebrenner of Garrett; a son, Greg (Tammie) Gerber of Trenton, S.C.; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a brother, Dale (Alice) Yarde of Garrett; and a sister, Nancy (Don) Potter of Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren near Garrett, with Pastor Brad Hardesty officiating. There will be calling at the church from 9-10 a.m.

Visitation will also be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Thomas Funeral Home at Garrett.

Burial will take place at Embrey Cemetery near Garrett, following the services.

Memorials are to the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren or the Kidney Foundation.

You may send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Jeremy Kline

CORUNNA — Jeremy L. Kline, age 32, of Corunna died on Tuesday, December 21, 2010.

He was born December 29, 1977, in Auburn.

He was a 1996 graduate of DeKalb High School. He had worked in the maintenance department at the Dalton Foundry in Kendallville until it closed.

Mr. Kline

He loved being outdoors. He enjoyed snowmobiling and four wheeling.

He especially loved his family. He was always willing to give a helping hand to anyone in need.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Brian and Patti Kline of Waterloo; mother and stepfather, Lori and Dusty Bock of Waterloo; his grandparents, Elaine Kline of Waterloo, Jon and Joyce McDaniel of Auburn and Donna Bock of Kendallville; three brothers, Chad Kline of Kendallville, Shane and Megan Kline of St. Joe and Justin and Kira Kline of Butler; a stepbrother, Logan Kline of Waterloo; a stepsister, Kayla Neal of Angola; several nieces and nephews, Landen Kline, Reaghan Kline, Ryan Traxler, Emalynn Kline, Dayton Kline and Kaydyn Kline; and his beloved dog, Rufus.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Robert Kline.

Visitation will be held on Monday, December 27, 2010, from 2-5:30 p.m., with the funeral to follow at 5:30 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56 Garrett, Ind.

Following the service, there will be a celebration of life gathering at Middaugh Hall in Auburn starting at 6:30 p.m. Memorials are to the Corunna Volunteer Fire Department.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Olivia Deetz

WATERLOO — Olivia "Livy" Binkley Deetz, 33, died Tuesday, December 21, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Miss Deetz

Olivia was born December 12, 1977, in Auburn to Randall and Pamela (Binkley) Deetz. They both survive in Waterloo.

She loved the Chicago Cubs, DeKalb County Fair, books, Cookie Monster, playing games with her brother and her nieces.

Olivia is survived by her parents; a brother, Roger Deetz and his wife Nadine McSpadden of Indianapolis; two nieces, Lucy Deetz and Lainey Deetz; and her grandmother, Gloria Deetz of Waterloo.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Oscar Deetz and Robert and Phyllis Binkley.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, December 27, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

The family will receive friends for one hour prior to the service from 1 to 2 p.m.

Memorials can be given in Olivia's memory to Children First Center or DeKalb County Community Foundation.

To view an obituary or send condolences visit fellerandclark.com.

Vesta Bowen

EDGERTON, Ohio — Vesta M. Bowen, 81, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2010, in her home after a brief illness.

Mrs. Bowen

Mrs. Bowen was formerly employed by Knisley Cleaners in Edgerton for many years. She had also worked at Edgerton Metals and Syncro-Tech, also in Edgerton. In recent years, she was a private duty home health care provider for many elderly in the area.

She was a member of Trinity Bible Church in Edgerton.

She was born Feb. 5, 1929, near Edon, Ohio, to Ora J. and Thelma (Weldy) Gipple. She married Roy H. Bowen on Feb. 15, 1947, in Butler, Ind. He preceded her in death on Dec. 24, 1984.

Surviving are two daughters, Wayne (Susan) Bowsher of Edgerton, and Nanette (Steve) Jennings of Auburn, Ind; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Cathy Bowen of Butler, Ind.; four brothers, Eddie, Ronald, Donald and Dennis Gipple; and six sisters, Shirley Gipple, Veronica Yoder, Patsy Gipple, Donna Wasson, Mary Waters and Linda Gipple.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Rick "Rocket" Bowen; a grandson, Randy Bowen; her parents; and two brothers, Ora Gipple Jr. and Calvin Gipple.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home with Pastor Dennis Kutzner officiating. Interment will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Memorials are to Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers Hospital Hospice.

To sign the online register or send condolences, visit www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Creating Quilts of Valor

Mary Tucker had a heart for wounded U.S. soldiers

BY DAVE KURTZ
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SPENCERVILLE – Mary Tucker loved any kind of underdog, said her stepdaughter, Toni Dickerhoff of Spencerville.

Her heart went out to stray cats, and especially to wounded soldiers.

Mrs. Tucker died Nov. 7, 2010, at the age of 81.

She was no ordinary octagenarian.

"She was the only 80-plus-year-old I know of that not only had her own web site, Beginners and Beyond, so she could help other people in the craft of quilting, but also had a laptop computer and a desktop computer and was very PC-savvy," Dickerhoff said.

Mrs. Tucker organized the Beginners and Beyond online quilt group, which grew to more than 500 members all over the nation.

The group's members made quilted Christmas stockings for soldiers, said Kathleen Renno of New Haven. They filled more than 200 stockings each year with candy and presents and sent them overseas.

Soldiers who came home wounded received special treatment. Beginners and Beyond members from across the nation would create patriotic quilt blocks and send them to Mrs. Tucker, who assembled them into finished works.

Mrs. Tucker

"Then she would ship them off to an organization that was involved with the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C., so that when the soldiers came back home with their injuries, they would be given a quilt," Dickerhoff said.

Mrs. Tucker called the creations Quilts of Valor, Renno said.

She personalized the quilts with each soldier's name and branch of service, said her daughter-in-law, Sue Shears of Fort Wayne. Soldiers wrote back with expressions of how much it meant to receive the quilts from someone who didn't even know them.

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Mary Tucker stands with one of her sewing machines and some of her quilting creations.

"She would get thank-you's from their families and the soldiers … with pictures of soldiers in their uniforms holding up their quilts," Dickerhoff said.

Renno nominated Mrs. Tucker for recognition last January on Indiana's News Center's "Angels Among Us" feature.

"I have two boys," Mrs. Tucker told a television interviewer. "My boys never had to go to the service. So I think about the moms and the grandmas, everybody that has boys in the service. They've put their lives on hold with their families to do this for us. Now, what can I do that might give them a little bit of happiness and make them feel that we are behind them?"

"She was quite a special lady," Shears said. "She was very giving. If she heard of a need, she would try to help that need."

That might explain why Mrs. Tucker kept a half-dozen cats in her home and fed as many as 30 strays on her porch. She kept them warm in the winter with quilts and electric heating pads.

"If my only vice is feeding abandoned cats, I guess I'm doing pretty good," Mrs. Tucker once told Dickerhoff.

Earlier in her life, Mrs. Tucker worked as a beautician and at a restaurant in Spencerville, where she sold her popular chocolate fudge.

She became active in quilting over the past two decades. Self-taught, she picked up the craft from her mother. Eventually, she learned to operate sophisticated, computer-controlled quilting machines.

"When we got heavily involved in Iraq, she found her goal there" in making the patriotic quilts, Dickerhoff said

In the television salute to Mrs. Tucker, fellow quilter Karen Stir of New Haven said, "If you're looking for someone who totally supports our military men and women and their families, it's Mary K. She just gives 100 percent to them all the time."

Claude LaRowe

LAOTTO — Claude LaRowe, 101, of LaOtto died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. LaRowe was a lifetime farmer. He was also a trim setter at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Company. He was the last surviving employee of the company.

Mr. LaRowe

He was a member of the Huntertown Masonic Lodge and the Noble County Shrine Club.

He was born May 2, 1909, in Greentown, to Frederick Cash and Artitia (Warnock) LaRowe. They preceded him in death. He married Alvada Brown on April 19, 1930, in Auburn. She died Jan. 15, 2000.

Surviving are three daughters and a son, Mary Jane Hamilton-Merritt of Connecticut, Shirley Jean Chastain of Elkhart, James Fredrick LaRowe of LaOtto, and Barbara Jo LaRowe of Arvada, Colo.; six grandchildren, Charles Fredrick Chastain, Harold Eugene Chastain, Curtis Fredrick LaRowe, Kimberly Kay Mishler, Daniel William LaRowe, and Schuyler Henry Fuller Merritt; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great great-grandchild.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Merle Brown, and four brothers, Bill LaRowe, Harold LaRowe, Delbert LaRowe and Clyde LaRowe.

Services will be 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2010 at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Sherri Long officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be prior to the services Tuesday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to Provena Sacred Heart Home Nursing Scholarship or Provena Sacred Heart Home for Alzheimer's Residents, 515 N. Main St., Avilla IN 46763.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit fellerandclark.com.

Dorothy Rauh

KENDALLVILLE — Dorothy May Rauh, 100, of Kendallville, died on Saturday, December 25, 2010 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Rauh

Mrs. Rauh was born in Bronson, Branch County, Michigan, on June 23, 1910 to the late Chauncy David and Edna Helen (Camp) Shultz. She married Forrest Earl Rauh on June 9, 1937 at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. Mr. Rauh preceded her death November 24, 1964.

Dorothy was a nurses' aide for 17 years and employed with McCray Hospital and the Lutheran Home in Kendallville. She was an active member of the Zion Lutheran Church, West Fairfield, near Corunna for more than 70 years. She was a member of the ladies' aid, Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Even before she retired in 1975, Dorothy began volunteering and was named the Noble County senior Volunteer of the Year in 1997. She would transport people to run errands, to go shopping, get to doctors' appointments and she cared for the elderly in their homes. She volunteered many hours with various projects in the county. At Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Dorothy worked in the gift shop, helped with visitation and assisted with activities. She also was involved in a cancer quilt project with middle school students making a quilt for a child at the Camp Whacha-Wanna-Do.

Dorothy was on the resident advisory board at the Lamplighter where she resided for several years. She served on the board of directors of the Noble County Council on Aging for more than 15 years. She also worked in the past, at the Kendallville Nutrition Site since its origin.

Dorothy was past member of the Wayne Township Extension Homemakers Club and she enjoyed sewing and crocheting hand-making many walker bags, cancer turbans, Crisis Bears for children, and lap robes for people who needed them. Much of her life was dedicated to helping others.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Judith and Monteal Lepper of LaOtto; four grandchildren and their spouses, Tina and Curtis Hapner of Waterloo, Dawn and Gary Reichhart of Avilla, Terri Lepper of Avilla and Joseph and Robin Lepper of LaOtto; six great-grandchildren, Tia and Jenna Hapner, Roger and Mary Reichhart, and Courtney and William Lepper; a sister, Vivian Cain of Kendallville; and a brother-in-law, Henry Marqueling of Fort Wayne.

She was also preceded in death by nine siblings: Clara Briggs, Clesson Shultz, Thelma Bachelor, Florence Kline, Talitha Shultz, Wandella Shultz, Louise Stubig, Lewis Shultz and Phyllis Marqueling.

Visitation will be Tuesday, December 28, 2010 from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, December 29, 2010 at 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, near Corunna. Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Al Wingfield. There will be an hour of visitation at the church before the funeral service. Burial will be at Zion Lutheran Cemetery.

Preferred memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran Church or to Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville Auxiliary.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Catherine Smith

EDON, Ohio — Catherine M. Smith, age 83, of Butler, and formerly a longtime resident of Edon, Ohio, died at 2:45 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 25, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Indiana, where she was a patient, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Smith

She was born Dec. 14, 1927, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Lafayett and Harriett (Carrell) Thompson. She married John M. Smith on June 19, 1953, in Edon, Ohio, and he preceded her in death on January 26, 2003.

Surviving are two sons, Kent R. (Kathie) Smith, of Montpelier, Ohio, and Jerry Smith, of Michigan City, three grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one sister, Virginia Harter, of Pulaski, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by one great-granddaughter, one brother, William Thompson, and two sisters, Mary and Rose Thompson.

Private services will be held at the Krill Funeral Home, 860 West Mulberry Street, Bryan, Ohio, with interment to follow in Edon Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

To sign the online register or to send condolences, visit www.krillfuneralservice.com.

David Gaston

AUBURN — David Lee Gaston, 72, of Auburn, died Sunday, Dec. 26, 2010, at 7:50 a.m. in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mr. Gaston

Mr. Gaston, a lifetime area resident, retired from Warner Gear in Auburn. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of the VFW in Garrett and Auburn. The Muzzle Loader Club in St. Joe was started by David and his friend, Walter Perry.

He was born Feb. 5, 1938, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Walter Harold and Elsie Fern (Sigler) Gaston.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Edith and Chester Craft of Kendallville; and a special friend, Bonnie Everage of Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his stepmother, Wandis Joy Gaston, and an infant brother.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Salem United Baptist Church, 8227 SR 9 N, Kendallville, with Pastor Billy Tuttle officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Salem United Baptist Church.

Condolences may be left at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Rosena McGuin

LIGONIER — Rosena Frances McGuin, 92, of Ligonier died of natural causes Tuesday, December 28, 2010, at 12:05 a.m. at The Maples at Waterford Crossing.

Mrs. McGuin

A lifetime area resident, she retired from Essex Wire after 35 years of service. She was an active member of the Eastern Star.

She was born October 26, 1918, in Waterloo to Joseph B. and Madglene (Blomeke) Miller.

She married William R. McGuin on June 2, 1965. He preceded her in death on April 4, 1978.

Surviving are three children: John Shoudel of Ligonier, Charlotte (Ralph) Boyd of Ligonier and Charles (Getta) Shoudel of Bonaire, Ga.; six grandchildren: Michelle, Wendy, Michella (Paul) Scarlett, Chuck Jr. (Jessica) Shoudel, Jason (Kristen) Shoudel and Amy; 18 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren; and one sister: Zella Ann (Paul) Collins of Butler.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four sisters, Thelma, Martha, Isabell and Elvena; and one brother: Ambrose Miller.

Services will be Friday, December 31, 2010, at 10 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN. Officiating will be Father Wilson Corzo. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Visitation will be Thursday, December 30, 2010, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

A rosary service will be held at 7:30 p.m. on December 30, 2010, at the funeral home

Memorial contributions are to St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1098 County Road 39, Waterloo, IN 46793.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

Carolyn Woronuik

BUTLER — Carolyn M. Woronuik, 62, of Butler died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Woronuik

Mrs. Woronuik retired from Cooper Standard in Auburn after 30 years of service.

She was a member of the Butler Eagles Ladies Auxiliary. She loved gardening and working with flowers and was also an avid animal lover.

She was born Dec. 3, 1948, in Angola. She married Daniel L. Woronuik on Sept. 15, 2002, in Gatlinburg, Tenn. He survives in Butler.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie K. (Jackson) and Donnie Dressel of Huntertown; a stepson, Randy Woronuik of Clyde, Alberta, Canada; mother and stepfather, Eloise (Beard) and Keith Platter of Hamilton; two granddaughters, Cecily Dressel and Zoey Dressel, both of Huntertown; five brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Jackie Richardson of Hamilton, Michael and Wendy Richardson of Hamilton, Keith and Roxanne Platter of Garrett, Kevin Platter of Auburn, and Kent Platter of Hamilton; an aunt, Barbara Ridgeway of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her father, Jack Eugene Richardson; a sister, Michele Meeks; maternal grandparents, Viola Jennings and Harold Beard; and paternal grandparents, Jack and Bessie Richardson.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Jeff Alexander officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Steven Bair

KENDALLVILLE — Steven Arthur Bair, 62, of rural Kendallville, died at 4:20 a.m. Tuesday, December 28, 2010 after a courageous battle with cancer at his residence north of Kendallville.

Steve was born on May 5, 1948 in Kendallville to the late Willis Arthur and Marcelle Julia (Gehring) Bair.

He was a lifetime area resident and during the Vietnam War he proudly served his country in the U.S. Army as a Spec 5.

He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and Chicago Bears Fan.

On March 19, 1983 he married Dawn (Noble) Bair, she survives in Kendallville.

He had previously been employed in manufacturing as as Quality Inspector at Budd Corporation, Lisle Corporation. Flint and Walling in Kendallville was the last place he was employed.

He is survived by his Ex Wife and Caregiver Dawn, 2 sisters and brothers-in-law; Marsha and Denzil Gose of Grand Junction CO and Monica Sue Talbott of Kendallville; and 1 Brother, Kenton Bair of Kendallville.

Also surviving are Mother and Father-in-Law Polly and Jake Riddle of Avilla; Father-in-law Russell Campbell of Garrett; and 2 Brothers-in-law Curtis Campbell of Avilla and Russell Duane Campbell of Virginia.

Per Steve's request there will be no visitation or funeral service, cremation will take place.

Memorials may be directed to his Caregiver Dawn for final expenses. Memorial donations may be sent to the funeral home in care of Dawn Bair.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Brazzell Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, Avilla Chapel.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book, go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Jessie 'Sally' Short

AUBURN — Jessie Mae "Sally" Short, 96, of Auburn, died Thursday December 30, 2010 at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Short

She was born September 13, 1914 in Garrett, the daughter of the late Roy A. and Maggie M. McKinley. She had worked at Cooper Tire and also at the Garrett Clinic. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, Women of the Moose, Entre Nous Literacy Club and Psi Iota Sorority.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Sally A. and Robert Harper of Auburn; sons and daughters-in-law, Ned C. and Judy Short of Huntington and Mack D. and Sharon Short of Auburn; a sister, Martha Custer of Garrett; grandchildren, Kelly Brandenburg, Tracey Fuller, Lisa Sparkman, Holly Harper, Debra Selig, Brenda Blessing, McKinley Short, Simon Short and Ron Burkhart; 11 great grandchildren and 12 great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ben H. Short, 4 sisters and 2 brothers.

Funeral service 11 a.m. Monday with visitation one hour prior at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main Street Auburn, Rev Dale Williams officiating. Visitation also Sunday 1-5 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial in Roselawn cemetery.

Memorials to Moose Charities or Garrett High School Alumni Scholarship Fund.

To sign the online guest book or leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

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